

SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, WORKSHOPS

In recognition of the need for continuing in-service training and development for its members, the Board of Education encourages the participation of all members in meetings and activities of area, state, and national school Boards associations, as well as in the activities of other educational groups. Board members are encouraged to study and examine materials received from these organizations as well as publications and recordings available in the district.

The Board will plan specific in-service activities designed to assist school board members in their efforts to improve their skills as members of a policy-making body; to expand their knowledge about trends, issues, and new ideas affecting the educational activities of the local school; and to deepen their insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society. The Board will budget funds annually to support this program.

In order to control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board establishes these principles and procedures for its guidance:

1. The Superintendent of Schools will compile, maintain, and distribute to each Board member a calendar listing school Board conferences, conventions, and workshops, to help the Board decide which meetings appear to be most promising in terms of producing direct and indirect benefits to the school district.
2. The Board will reimburse conference attendees (Board members) for reasonable and necessary expenses not paid for directly by the district (e.g., travel, hotel, meals, registration).
3. The Board retains the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in planned activities at district expense.
4. When any Board member attends a conference, convention, or workshop, the member will be requested to share information, recommendations, and materials acquired at the meeting.

Cross-Reference: Policy 6830, Expense Reimbursement

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