

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #097  
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**BOARD MEMBER EDUCATION****Policy**

It is the policy of the Barre Unified Union School District to encourage and support board members' efforts to remain knowledgeable about their roles and the issues with which they deal.

**Implementation**

Individual board members are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to understand their roles, educational issues in general, school programs, Vermont Agency of Education functions and legislative activities. In developing professional training for school board members, the board may consider topics such as educational equity, dispute resolution, conflict of interest. The superintendent and board chair will be responsible for assuring that information on leadership development opportunities is available to all members. New members will participate in a district orientation session and other opportunities designed to familiarize themselves with all aspects of board operation.

At least annually, the chairs of each school board within a supervisory union/supervisory district, the chair of the supervisory union/supervisory district board, and the superintendent will jointly participate in at least eight (8) hours of professional training that addresses educational leadership, roles and responsibilities of the SU/SD board, school district boards and the superintendent, Vermont Open Meeting Law, Vermont law regarding access to public records, collective bargaining, and education funding and school finance laws.

Members who take part in workshops and seminars offered by the Vermont School Boards Association and other organizations will be reimbursed for travel and other expenses related to participation in training activities provided prior approval is obtained from the board, and funds for these purposes are available.