

**WASHINGTON CENTRAL UNIFIED  
UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Directors' Policy**

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**BOARD MEMBER EDUCATION**

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**Policy**

It is the policy of the Washington Central Unified Union School District to encourage and support board members' efforts to actively engage in their roles and the issues with which they deal.

**Implementation**

Individual board members should pursue opportunities to understand their roles, educational issues in general, school programs, Agency of Education functions and legislative activities. The superintendent and board chair will provide information on leadership development opportunities to all board members. New members will participate in a district orientation session specific to WCUUSD and consider other opportunities designed to familiarize themselves with all aspects of board operation.

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.

The chair of the school board and the superintendent, at least annually per 16 V.S.A. § 561, shall jointly participate in at least eight hours of professional training that, at a minimum, addresses educational leadership; the relative roles and responsibilities of the supervisory union board, the school district boards, and the superintendent; the Vermont Open Meeting Law; Vermont law regarding access to public records; collective bargaining; and education funding and school finance laws.

*Legal Reference: 16 V.S.A. § 561 et seq. (Election of school board members; oath; chair; clerk)*