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## STAFFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### 0147.3 BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREATS

The New Jersey School Boards Association strongly recommends retreats as an opportunity for local boards of education to meet periodically in order to review, revise and conduct self assessment. The Stafford Township Board of Education believes that it is essential for Board members as individuals to become knowledgeable concerning all facets of the district, to become aware of promising and best practices, and to learn to work as a team in order to ensure that the district focuses its efforts on the attainment of its mission.

Board retreats are especially suited opportunities which allow for the expansion of individual board member knowledge and the development of the skills necessary for team work.

Board retreats should be scheduled semi annually, and should focus on the examination of the district's mission, goals and objectives and long range planning. Where possible, retreats should be scheduled to coincide with the annual New Jersey School Board Association Convention, to allow for sharing of new learning, presentations and/or workshops and for conducting or reviewing a Board self-evaluation.

Formal action on any agenda item should not be taken at a retreat setting unless there is an emergent issue, which would necessitate action being taken prior to the next regular Board of Education meeting.

All retreat meetings shall be arranged and conducted in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). In addition, all retreats shall take place on school district property unless there is no district site available.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12(a)(1)(d)  
N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.12(c)(1)

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