

***BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT***

The complexity of Board membership demands opportunities for development, study and training for Board members. The Board places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of in-service education for its members.

In order to develop leadership capabilities, become informed about current issues in education, and improve their skills as members of a policy-making body, Board members will participate in opportunities for development that may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- In-service activities planned by the Board and by the administration for staff members, as appropriate;
- Participation in conferences, workshops and conventions held by state and national school boards associations and other educational organizations;
- Subscriptions to publications addressing Board member concerns.

Recognizing the need for continuing training and development of its members, the Board encourages the participation of all members in appropriate conferences, conventions and workshops. 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 Board Administrative Assistant will inform Board members, in a timely manner, of upcoming conferences, conventions and workshops that will benefit the Lyon County School District and Board members. The Board will decide which meetings appear to be most likely to produce the greatest benefit to the Board and the district;
2. Funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted. When funds are limited, the Board will designate which members would be most appropriate to participate at a given meeting;
3. If authorized to attend, and reimbursement is approved by the Board, Board members will be reimbursed, at the rate established by the US General Services Administration (GSA). Reimbursements cover meals not already paid for through conference attendance and travel to and from the conference site, excluding extra outings not associated with the conference. Reimbursements will only cover the cost for the trustee. No reimbursements will be provided for room services or extra fees charged to the hotel room.
4. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those who do participate will be requested to share, by means of written or oral reports, information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting.

Lyon County School Board members will meet the training requirements as stated in NRS 386 (AB451).

1. Each person who is elected or appointed to serve as a member of the board of trustees of a school district shall complete training for professional development during the first and third year of the term of the member which must include not less than 6 hours of instruction.

2. A member of the board of trustees of a school district shall provide written certification of completion of the training required by this section to the clerk of the board of trustees.
3. If a member fails to complete the training or to provide the written certification of completion which is required by this section, the clerk must post notice of such noncompliance in a conspicuous manner on the Internet website of the board of trustees. The clerk must also provide written notice of the noncompliance to the other members of the board of trustees.
4. The clerk of the board of trustees shall assist each member of the board as necessary to complete the training required.

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