

BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

The Yellowstone School Board places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of in-service education for its members. The central purpose of the program is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of public-school governance in our community.

The Board shall approve specific in-service activities designed to assist board members in their efforts to improve their skills as members of a policymaking body; to expand their knowledge about trends, issues, and new ideas affecting the continued welfare of our local schools; and to deepen their insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society.

Funds shall be budgeted annually to support the 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. A calendar of school board and administrative conferences, conventions, and workshops shall be maintained by the Business Manager. The Board will periodically decide which meetings appear to be most promising in terms of producing direct and indirect benefits to the district.
2. When board development funds are limited, the Board will designate which of its members would be the most appropriate to participate at a given meeting.
3. When a conference, convention, or workshop is not attended by the full board, those who do participate will be requested to share information, recommendations, and materials acquired at the meeting.
4. The Board will attempt to have no more than two school board members and the Administrator travel together at any one time. The purpose of this paragraph is to prevent unnecessary exposure of the governing body and its chief officers to potential life-threatening situations by traveling at the same time. This policy in no way limits the number of school board members and administrators attending a particular meeting.

The public shall be kept informed through the news media about the board's continuing in-service education.

End of Yellowstone Policy BE Adopted: 9/18/2023