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## **SUBJECT: ORIENTING AND TRAINING BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board and its staff will assist each new member-elect to understand the Board's functions, policies, and procedures before he or she takes office, by:

- a) Giving the electee selected materials relating to the responsibilities of Board membership supplied by local, state, or national school-board associations or other professional organizations;
- b) Inviting the electee to attend Board meetings and to participate in its discussions;
- c) Having the Clerk supply material pertinent to meetings and explaining its use;
- d) Inviting the electee to meet with the Superintendent and other administrative personnel to discuss services they perform for the Board;
- e) Having the clerk provide a copy of or access to the Board's policies and bylaws;
- f) Providing the opportunity to attend a local, state, or national school-board association's orientation program.

### **Board Member Training**

Within the first year of election or appointment, each Board member must complete a minimum of six hours of training on the financial oversight, accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities of a school board member and a training course acquainting him or her with the powers, functions, and duties of Boards, as well as the powers and duties of other governing and administrative authorities affecting public education. Re-elected Board members will not be required to repeat this training. The curriculum and provider of this training must be approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Upon completing the required training, the Board member will file with the District Clerk a certificate of completion issued by the provider of the training. Actual and necessary expenses incurred by a Board member in complying with these requirements are a lawful charge to the District.

Education Law § 2102-a  
8 NYCRR § 170.12(a)

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## **SUBJECT: COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

The Board and/or the President of the Board may at its discretion establish committees for the purpose of undertaking a specific task in connection with Board activity. These committees, however, cannot make legal decisions for the entire Board.

At the request of the Board, the President shall appoint temporary committees consisting of less than a quorum of the full membership for special purposes. These committees shall be discharged on the completion of their assignment. The President of the Board shall be an ex-officio member of such committees.

The Board of Education recognizes that it may be necessary from time to time to authorize advisory committees for the purpose of enlisting opinions and counsel of the general public. Such committees shall be appointed by the Board of Education. The Board has the right to accept, reject or modify all or any part of a committee recommendation.

### **Audit Committee**

By January 1, 2006, the Board will establish an audit committee to oversee, and report to the Board on, the annual audit of the District.

### **Visitation Committees**

The Board of Education shall appoint one (1) or more committees to visit every school or department at least once annually and report on their conditions at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Education Law Sections 1708, 2116-c and 4601

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #5572 -- [Audit Committee](#)

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**SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE BY BOARD MEMBERS AT CONFERENCES,  
CONVENTIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

The Board believes that continuing in-service training and development are important for its members. The Board, therefore, encourages the participation of all members at appropriate school board conferences, conventions and workshops which are believed to be of benefit to the School District. However, in order to control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board establishes the following guidelines:

- a) A calendar of school board conferences, conventions and workshops shall be maintained by the Board Clerk. The Board will periodically decide which meetings appear to be most likely to produce direct and indirect benefits to the School District. At least annually, the Board will identify those new ideas or procedures and/or cost benefits that can be ascribed to participation at such meetings.
- b) Funds for participation at such conferences, conventions, workshops and the like will be budgeted for on an annual basis. When funds are limited, the Board will designate which members are to participate at a given meeting.
- c) Reimbursement to Board members for all actual and necessary registration fees, expenses of travel, meals and lodging, and all necessary tuition fees incurred in connection with attendance at conferences and the like will be in accordance with established regulations for expense reimbursement.
- d) 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.

The authorization for Board members to attend a conference, convention, workshop and the like shall be by Board resolution adopted prior to such attendance.

Education Law Section 2118  
General Municipal Law Sections 77-b and 77-c

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #5323 -- [Reimbursement for Meals/Refreshments](#)

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## **SUBJECT: COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES**

No member of the Board may receive any compensation for his or her services unless he or she also serves as District Clerk and is paid as Clerk. All members of the Board may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in representing the District consistent with the District's reimbursement procedures. All bills or claims for reimbursement must be itemized in reasonable detail.

### **Conference Travel for Newly Elected Board Members**

In accordance with General Municipal Law, the Board, by a majority vote, may authorize a newly elected Board member whose term of office has not yet commenced to attend a conference. This conference travel must be for official District business utilizing a cost-effective and reasonable method of travel.

Authorization must be by resolution adopted prior to attendance and duly entered in the minutes. However, the Board may delegate the power to authorize attendance at a conference to the Board President or Board Vice President.

Education Law § 2118  
General Municipal Law §§ 77-b and 77-b(2)

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