

Bartlett City Board of Education		1017
Descriptor Term: BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES	Descriptor Code: Board Operations	Issue Date: 12/02/2013
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The Board shall participate in activities designed to assist board members in improving their skills as members of a policy-making body. Approved conferences, conventions, and workshops required to meet annual board member professional development requirements shall not be subject to Executive Committee approval.

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. An annual calendar of school board conferences, conventions and workshops shall be maintained by the Board secretary and provided to each Board member in order to ensure compliance with the requirements for professional development.¹ Board members should identify which meetings might be attended and the benefits thereof and submit such requests to the Board secretary.
2. Funds for participation at such meetings shall be budgeted on an annual basis. The Executive Committee shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of Board members in planned activities, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.
3. Reimbursement to Board members for their travel expenses shall be in accord with the travel expense policy for staff members;²
4. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those participating will be requested to share information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting; and
5. The public shall be kept informed through the news media about the Board's continuing in-service education and about the programs anticipated for short- and long-range benefits to the schools.

The Board regards the following as the kinds of activities and services appropriate under this policy:

1. Participation in school board conferences, workshops and conventions held by the State and National School Boards Associations;
2. Local and district-sponsored training sessions for board members; and
3. Subscriptions to publications addressing the concerns of board members.

¹ T.C.A. § 49-2-202(a)(5)

² T.C.A. § 49-2-2001