

**POLICY TYPE: Governance Process**  
**POLICY TITLE: 4.9 Governance Investment**

Because poor governance costs more than learning to govern well, the School Board will invest in its governance capacity. Accordingly:

- 4.9.1 School Board skills, methods, and supports will be sufficient to assure governing with excellence.
  - 4.9.1.1 Training and retraining will be used to orient new members and candidates for membership, as well as to maintain and increase existing member skills and understandings.
  - 4.9.1.2 Outside monitoring assistance will be arranged so that the School Board can exercise confident control over district performance. This includes, but is not limited to, financial audits.
  - 4.9.1.3 Outreach mechanisms will be used as needed to assure the School Board's ability to listen to owner viewpoints and values.
- 4.9.2 Costs will be prudently incurred, though not at the expense of endangering the development and maintenance of superior capability. Actual costs (stipend, training, dues, memberships, meeting costs, professional fees, etc.) will not exceed the approved fiscal year budget amount.
- 4.9.3 The School Board will establish its cost of governance budget for the next fiscal year during the annual budgeting process.

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