



212 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

I. PURPOSE

In recognition of the need for continuing inservice training and development for its members, the purpose of this policy is to encourage the members of the School Board to participate in professional development activities designed for them so that they may perform their responsibilities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The Superintendent will make every effort to assist any new member with information on the board's functions, policies and procedures. The Board Chair will also confer with the new member as necessary on any questions or concerns they have.
- B. New School Board members must attend a new board member orientation session conducted by the Superintendent or his/her designee, and attend the mandatory MSBA Phase II training session within 24 months of being seated. Members will be provided the opportunity and encouragement to attend all of the orientation and training sessions sponsored by the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA). School Board members should receive training in school finance and management developed in consultation with MSBA.
- C. All School Board members are encouraged to participate in School Board and related workshops and activities sponsored by local, state and national School Boards associations, as well as in the activities of other educational groups.
- D. School Board members are expected to report back to the School Board with materials of interest gathered at the various meetings and workshops.
- E. The School Board will reimburse the necessary expenses of all School Board members who attend meetings and conventions pertaining to school activities and the objectives of the School Board, within the approved policy and budget allocations of the school district relating to the reimbursement of expenses involving the attendance at workshops and conventions.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 2 (School Board Member Training)(Boards of Independent School Districts)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 214 (Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 412 (Expense Reimbursement)

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