212 SCHOOL BOARD DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

I. PURPOSE

In recognition of the need for continuing in-service 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 so that they may perform their responsibilities. Additionally, recognizing the importance of ongoing development as a collective governing body, the School Board as a whole may periodically engage in governance workshops, training, and other development opportunities to strengthen its effectiveness, enhance its understanding of governance responsibilities, and support alignment with established Board goals and District priorities.

II. SCHOOL BOARD DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A. New School Board members will be provided the opportunity and encouragement to attend the orientation and training sessions sponsored by the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA).

B. 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.

C. School Board members are expected to report back to the school board with materials of interest gathered at the various meetings and workshops.

III. REIMBURSEMENTS

The school district 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. Please reference Policy 717 Expense Reimbursements and the accompanying regulations for further details.

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

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