La Grande School District 1

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Board Member Development

The Board places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of in-service education for its members. The central purpose of the program is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of public school governance in our community. The Board shall plan specific professional development activities designed to assist Board members in efforts to improve skills as members of a policy-making body; to expand knowledge about trends, issues and new ideas affecting the continued welfare of our local schools; and to deepen insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society.

Funds shall be budgeted annually to support the program. Individual Board members shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket costs incurred through participation in approved activities. The Board as a whole shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in planned activities. 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 our schools.

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

- 1. Participation in school Board conferences, workshops and conventions held by the state and national School Boards Associations;
- 2. District-sponsored training sessions for Board members;
- 3. Subscriptions to publications addressed to the concerns of Board members.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

<u>ORS 332</u>.018(3) <u>ORS 332</u>.107

OR. ETHICS COMM'N, OR. GOV'T ETHICS LAW, A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

Cross Reference(s):

BH/BHA - Orientation of New Board Members BHD - Board Member Compensation and Expense Reimbursement