

Lake Oswego School District 7J

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Board Member Development

In order for Board members to develop leadership capabilities, become informed about current issues in education and improve their skills as members of a policy-making body, Board members shall participate in opportunities for development that may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. In-service activities planned by the Board and in-service activities planned by the administration for staff members, as appropriate;
2. Subscriptions to publications addressed to the concerns of Board members;
3. New member orientation, provided by the Board and staff to assist the new member to become fully informed about the Board's functions, policies, procedures and problems. In the interim between appointment and assuming office, the new member will be invited to attend all meetings and functions of the Board, including executive sessions, and will receive all reports and communications normally sent to Board members;
4. Participation in Board conferences, workshops and conventions held by state and national Boards associations and other educational organizations.

Recognizing the need for continuing training and development of its members, the Board encourages the participation of all members at appropriate conferences, workshops and conventions. However, 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. The superintendent will inform Board members, in a timely manner, of impending conferences, conventions and workshops. The Board will decide which meetings appear to be most likely to produce the greatest benefit to the Board and the district;
2. Funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted. When funds are limited, the Board will designate which of its members would be most appropriate to participate at a given meeting;
3. Board members will be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred;
4. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those who do participate may be requested to share information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting by means of written reports.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.018\(3\)](#)

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OR. ETHICS COMM'N, OR. GOV'T ETHICS LAW, A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS (2008)