

Multnomah Education Service District

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Board Member Development

The complexity of Board membership demands opportunities for development, study and training for Board members. The Board places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of in-service education for its members.

In order 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 administration for staff members, as appropriate;
2. Participation in conferences, workshops and conventions held by state and national school Boards associations and other educational organizations;
3. Subscriptions to publications addressing Board member concerns.

Recognizing the need for continuing training and development of its members, the Board encourages the participation of all members in appropriate conferences, conventions and workshops. To control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board establishes these principles and procedures for its guidance:

The Superintendent shall inform Board members, in a timely manner, of upcoming conferences, conventions and workshops. The Board shall decide which meetings appear to be most likely to produce the greatest benefit to the Board and MESD;

Funds for participation at such meetings shall be budgeted. When funds are limited, the Board shall designate which members would be most appropriate to participate at a given meeting;

If authorized to attend, and reimbursement is approved by the Board, Board members shall be reimbursed, upon request, for reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred.

Board members will report back to the Board on the training, conference, convention, workshop, etc., at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.100](#)

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

[OAR 581-024-0206](#)

[OAR 581-024-0208](#)

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AA - MESD Purpose and Goals

AB - Mission, Vision, Values

AD - Educational Philosophy

AE - MESD Goal Setting

BBA - Board Powers and Duties

BBAA - Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities

BBF - Board Member Standards of Conduct

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflict of Interest

BDDDB/BDDC - Board Meeting Agenda

BHBA - Board Travel

BHD - Board Member Compensation and Expense Reimbursement

BJBJA - Board Memberships

BK - Evaluation of Board Operational Procedures