BOARD DEVELOPMENTTRAINING

Citizens elected to the The Governing Board are entrusted withbelieves that the Board's ability to effectively and responsibly govern the responsibility of governing district is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in district schools. The Board recognizes that its members need trainingshall be provided sufficient opportunities for professional development that helps them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and develop boardsmanship skills.

All Board members may attend conferences for (cf. 9000 - Role of the purpose of Board) (cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

The Board development. Board business and/or the Superintendent or designee shall provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed Board members which includes comprehensive information regarding Board roles, policies, and procedures and the district's vision and goals, operations, and current challenges. Throughout their first term, Board members shall continue to participate in additional educational opportunities designed to assist them in understanding the principles of effective governance, including, but not be discussed at conferences. limited to, information on school finance and budgets, student achievement and assessment, labor relations, community relations, program evaluation, open meeting laws (the Brown Act), conflict of interest laws, and other topics necessary to govern effectively and in compliance with law.

(cf. 9230 - Orientation)

All Board members are encouraged to continuously participate in advanced training offered by the California School Boards Association in order to reinforce boardsmanship skills and build knowledge related to key education issues. Such activities may include online courses, webinars, webcasts, and in-person attendance at workshops and conferences. In addition, workshops and consultations may be held within the district on issues that involve the entire governance team.

<u>Funds for</u> board training shall be budgeted annually for the Board and each Board member. In selecting appropriate activities, the Board and/or individual Board members shall consider activities that are aligned with the district's vision and goals and the needs of the Board or individual member to obtain specific knowledge and skills. The Board shall annually develop a board training calendar in order to schedule and track board training activities and to schedule opportunities for Board members to report on the activities in which they participated.

(cf. 0000 - Vision) (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District) (cf. 3100 - Budget) (cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices) Board members shall report to the Board, orally or in writing, as soon as possible on the inservice activities they attend.

Funds for-Board development shall be budgeted annually for each Board member.

(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits)

Board members may attend a conference or similar public gathering with other Board members and/or with the Superintendent or designee in order to develop common knowledge and understanding of an issue or engage in team-building exercises. In such cases, a majority of the Board members shall not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the district's jurisdiction, so as not to violate the Brown Act open meeting laws pursuant to Government Code 54952.2.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

Board members shall report to the Board, orally or in writing, on the board training activities they attend, for the purpose of sharing the acquired knowledge or skills with the full Board and enlarging the benefit of the activity to the Board and district.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE 33360 Department of Education and statewide association of school district boards; annual workshop GOVERNMENT CODE 54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially: 54952.2 Meeting

Management Resources:

<u>CSBA PUBLICATIONS</u> <u>Professional Governance Standards for School Boards</u> <u>WEB SITES</u> <u>CSBA: http://www.csba.org</u> California County Boards of Education: http://www.theccbe.org National School Boards Association: http://www.nsba.org

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