

Marion County Board of Education

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1 The Board shall participate in activities designed to assist board members in improving their skills as
2 members of a policy-making body.

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4 In order to control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board
5 establishes these principles and procedures for its guidance:

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7 1. A calendar of school board conferences, conventions and workshops shall be maintained by the
8 board secretary and provided to each board member. At least annually the Board will identify
9 which meetings should be attended and the benefits which would be derived from participation in
10 such meetings;
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12 2. Funds for participation at such meetings shall be budgeted on an annual basis;
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14 3. Reimbursement to board members for their travel expenses shall be in accord with the travel
15 expense policy for staff members;¹
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17 4. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those participating
18 will be requested to share information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting;
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21 5. The public shall be kept informed through the news media about the Board's continuing in-service
22 education and about the programs anticipated for short- and long-range benefits to the schools.

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

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27 1. Participation in school board conferences, workshops and conventions held by the State and
28 National School Boards Associations;¹
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30 2. Local and district-sponsored training sessions for board members; and
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32 3. Subscriptions to publications addressing the concerns of board members.

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36 Legal Reference:
37 1. TCA 49-2-2001(c)

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36 Cross References:
37 Board Self-Evaluation 1.103
38 Memberships 1.104
39 School District Goals 1.700
40 School Calendar 1.800
41 Expenses and Reimbursements 2.804