

Decatur 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.

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

5 1. An annual calendar of school board conferences, conventions and workshops shall be
6 maintained by the board secretary and provided to each board member in order to ensure
7 compliance with the requirements for professional development.¹ The board shall identify
8 which meetings should be attended and the benefits thereof.

9 2. Funds for participation at such meetings shall be budgeted on an annual basis. The board as a
10 whole shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in
11 planned activities;

12 3. Reimbursement to board members for their travel expenses shall be in accord with the travel
13 expense policy for staff members;²

14 4. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full board, those
15 participating will be requested to share information, recommendations and materials acquired at
16 the meeting; and

17 5. The public shall be kept informed through the news media about the board's continuing in-
18 service education and about the programs anticipated for short- and long-range benefits to the
19 schools.

20 The board regards the following as the kinds of activities and services appropriate under this policy:

21 1. Participation in school board conferences, workshops and conventions held by the State and
22 National School Boards Associations;

23 2. Local and district-sponsored training sessions for board members; and

24 3. Subscriptions to publications addressing the concerns of board members.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-2-202(a)(6)
2. TCA 49-2-2001(c)

Cross References

- Board Self-Evaluation 1.103
- Memberships 1.104
- School Board Legislative Involvement 1.105
- School District Goals 1.700
- School Calendar 1.800
- Expenses and Reimbursements 2.804