

# Lakeland Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in September</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Board Member Development Opportunities</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>1.204</b>	Issued Date: <b>05/12/14</b>
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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.<sup>1</sup> 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;<sup>2</sup>
- 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.

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Legal References

1. TCA 49-2-202(a)(5)
2. TCA 49-2-2001

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Cross References

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