

Van Buren 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
5 Board 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
8 the board secretary and provided to each board member. At least annually the Board will
9 identify which meetings should be attended and the benefits which would be derived from
10 participation in such meetings;
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12 2. Funds for participation at such meetings shall be budgeted on an annual basis. The Board as
13 a whole shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in
14 planned activities;
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16 3. Reimbursement to board members for their travel expenses shall be in accord with the travel
17 expense policy for staff members;¹
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19 4. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those partici-
20 pating will be requested to share information, recommendations and materials acquired at
21 the meeting; and
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23 5. The public shall be kept informed through the news media about the Board's continuing in-
24 service education and about the programs anticipated for short- and long-range benefits to
25 the schools.

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

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

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Legal Reference:

- 38 1. TCA 49-2-2001(c)

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Cross References:

- 38 Board Self-Evaluation 1.103
- 39 Membership 1.104
- 40 School Board Legislative Involvement 1.105
- 41 School District Goals 1.700
- 42 School Calendar 1.800