

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

I. PURPOSE In recognition of the need for continuing inservice training and development for its members, the purpose of this policy is to require the members of the school board to participate in professional development activities designed for them so that they may perform their responsibilities.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. New school board members will be required to attend the orientation and training sessions on board governance, the board's role and responsibilities, employment policies and practices, and financial management.

B. Board members *must* take the training in 12 months of beginning their term or are no longer eligible for service and their seat will be refilled unless there are extenuating circumstances that will be reviewed by the Director and Board Chair.

C. All school board members are encouraged to participate in school board and related workshops and activities sponsored by local, state and national school boards associations, as well as in the activities of other educational groups.

D. School board members are expected to report back to the school board with materials of interest gathered at the various meetings and workshops.

E. The school board will reimburse the necessary expenses of all school board members who attend meetings and conventions pertaining to school activities and the objectives of the school board, within the approved policy and budget allocations of the school district relating to the reimbursement of expenses involving the attendance at workshops and conventions.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 2 Legal Reference: 124E.07