BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Oyster River School Board places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing
program of in-service education for its members. The central purpose of the program is to enhance
the quality and effectiveness of public school governance in our community. The Board shall
attempt to plan specific in-service activities designed to assist Board members in their efforts to
improve their skills as members of a policy-making body; to expand their knowledge about trends,
issues, and new ideas affecting the continued welfare of our local schools; and to deepen their
insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society.

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

1. Participation in School Board Association conferences, workshops, and conventions.
2. District-sponsored training sessions for Board members.
3. Subscriptions to publications addressed to the concerns of Board members.

In order to control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the
board establishes these principles and procedures;

1. A calendar of school board conferences, conventions, and workshops shall be
   maintained by the superintendent. The board will periodically decide which meetings
   appear to be most promising in terms of producing direct and indirect benefits to the school
district.
2. Funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted on an annual basis. When
   funds are limited, the board will designate which of its members would be the most
   appropriate to participate at a given meeting.
3. Board members shall be reimbursed their expenses in attending approved
development opportunities.
4. When a conference, convention, or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those
   who do participate will be requested to share information, recommendations, and materials
   acquired at the meeting.

School board members are encouraged to attend workshops presented by the state and national
school boards associations.

Cross Reference:

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