

POLICY

2005

Governance & Operations

SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, WORKSHOPS

In recognition of the need for continuing in-service training and development for its members, the Board of Education encourages the participation of all members in meetings and activities of area, state, and national school board associations, as well as in the activities of other educational groups. Board members are encouraged to study and examine materials received from these organizations as well as publications and tapes available in the Board's own library.

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

1. The Superintendent of Schools will compile, maintain, and distribute to each Board member a calendar listing conventions, and workshops, to help the Board decide which meetings appear to be most promising in terms of producing direct benefits to the school district.
2. The Board shall determine which meetings and conferences are appropriate and which, in their best judgment, will benefit the school district. Among those conferences at which attendance may be considered are those of the New York State School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association and other national, state and regional conferences of school board members and superintendents.
3. The Board shall, by majority vote, authorize attendance at conferences by Board members and the Superintendent.
4. The Board will reimburse conference attendees for reasonable and necessary expenses not paid for directly by the district (travel, hotel, meals, and registration) in accordance with Board policy 6830.
5. Board members and the Superintendent may receive cash advances and/or pre-payment for conference attendance in accordance with district regulations and procedures.
6. When any Board member attends a conference, convention, or workshop, the member will be requested to share information, recommendations, and materials acquired at the meeting.

Cross-ref: 6830, Expense Reimbursement

Ref: General Municipal Law §77-b

Education Law §2118

Matter of Mazzeo, 20 EDR 155 (1980)

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