
SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

The Board of Education recognizes the need for continuing in-service training and development for its members. The Board encourages participation of all members in meetings and activities of area, state, and national school board associations, along with the activities of other educational groups. Board members are encouraged to study and examine materials received from these organizations as well as publications and other resources.

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

- 1) The Board shall determine which meetings and conferences are appropriate and which, in their judgment, will benefit the district. Among those conferences at which attendance may be considered are those sponsored by the New York State School Boards Association, the Mohawk-Sacandaga School Boards Association, and other local, regional, state, and national school board associations or affiliates. The Board president, after consultation with the Superintendent, is empowered to authorize the attendance of board members at conferences.
- 2) The District will reimburse conference attendees for reasonable and necessary expenses not paid for directly (travel, hotels, meals, registration) in accordance with Board Policy 4.7 Expense Reimbursement.
- 3) Board members and the Superintendent may receive cash advances and/or pre-payment for conference attendance in accordance with district regulations and procedures.
- 4) When any Board member attends a conference, convention, or workshop, the member will be requested to share the information, recommendations, and materials with other Board members.

Cross Reference: 4.7 Expense Reimbursement

Ref: General Municipal Law §77-b
Education Law §2118
Matter of Mazzeo, 20 EDR 155 (1980)