

BOARD DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

~~Citizens elected to the Board of Trustees are entrusted with the responsibility of governing district schools. The Board recognizes that its members need training~~The Governing Board believes that the Board's ability to effectively and responsibly govern the district is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in district schools. Board members shall be provided sufficient opportunities for professional development that helps them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and develop boardsmanship skills.

~~All Board members may attend conferences for~~(cf. 9000 - Role of the purpose of Board)
(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

~~The Board development. Board business~~and/or the Superintendent or designee shall provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed Board members which includes comprehensive information regarding Board roles, policies, and procedures and the district's vision and goals, operations, and current challenges. Throughout their first term, Board members shall continue to participate in additional educational opportunities designed to assist them in understanding the principles of effective governance, including, but not be discussed at conferences limited to, information on school finance and budgets, student achievement and assessment, labor relations, community relations, program evaluation, open meeting laws (the Brown Act), conflict of interest laws, and other topics necessary to govern effectively and in compliance with law.

(cf. 9230 - Orientation)

Funds for board training shall be budgeted annually for the Board and each Board member. In selecting appropriate activities, the Board and/or individual Board members shall consider activities that are aligned with the district's vision and goals and the needs of the Board or individual member to obtain specific knowledge and skills.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

~~(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)~~

~~Board members shall report to the Board, orally or in writing, as soon as possible on the inservice activities they attend.~~

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(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits)

Board members may attend a conference or similar public gathering with other Board members and/or with the Superintendent or designee in order to develop common knowledge and understanding of an issue or engage in team-building exercises. In such cases, a majority of the

Board members shall not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the district's jurisdiction, so as not to violate the Brown Act open meeting laws pursuant to Government Code 54952.2.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

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BOARD TRAINING (continued)

Board members shall report to the Board, orally or in writing, on the board training activities they attend, for the purpose of sharing the acquired knowledge or skills with the full Board and enlarging the benefit of the activity to the Board and district.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

~~33360 Department of Education and statewide association of school district boards; annual workshop~~

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 *The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:*

54952.2 *Meeting*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Professional Governance Standards for School Boards

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California County Boards of Education: <http://www.theccebe.org>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

Bylaw

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