

Hamilton County Board of Education

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The Board shall participate in activities designed to assist board members in improving their skills as members of a policy-making body.

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. A calendar of school board conferences, conventions and workshops shall be maintained by the board secretary and provided to each board member.
2. Each fiscal year, the Board will provide each Board member an allowance of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be spent toward development opportunities and related travel expenses consistent with this policy. Any Board member may transfer funds from his or her allowance to any other Board member for use in accordance with this policy.
3. Reimbursement to board members for their travel expenses shall be in accord with the travel expense policy for staff members;¹
4. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those participating will be requested to share information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting; and
5. The public shall be kept informed through the news media about the Board's continuing in-service education and about the programs anticipated for short- and long-range benefits to the schools.

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

1. Participation in school board conferences, workshops and conventions held by the Tennessee School Boards Association;¹
2. Local and district-sponsored training sessions for board members; and
3. Subscriptions to publications addressing the concerns of board members.

Legal References:

1. TCA 49-2-2001(c)

Cross References:

- Board Self-Evaluation 1.103
- Memberships 1.104
- School Board Legislative Involvement 1.105
- School District Goals 1.700
- School Calendar 1.800
- Expenses and Reimbursements 2.804