

## BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Citizens elected to the Governing Board are entrusted with the responsibility of governing district schools. The Board recognizes that its members need training that helps them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and develop boardmanship skills.

At the first meeting in July of each year, the Board shall approve a list of national, state and local organizations and associations in which they wish to hold memberships pursuant to Board Policy 9240: *Membership in Associations*. Additionally, the Board shall approve a list of conferences or meetings offered by these organizations or associations.

Board members may attend only conferences or meetings that are designated on the pre-approved list, if they wish to be reimbursed by the District for expenses. If a member wishes to attend a conference or meeting that is not on the pre-approved list and be reimbursed by the District for expenses, they must present their request to the entire Board for approval prior to the activity.

Board business shall not be discussed at conferences or meetings by a majority of Board members. A “meeting” subject to Brown Act requirements does not include the attendance of a majority of the Board’s members at a conference or similar public gathering, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Funds for Board development shall be budgeted annually for each Board member.

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

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

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54962 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially  
54952.2 Meeting

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