BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION/DEVELOPMENT

Orientation
Candidates for Board positions should be encouraged to attend Board meetings to learn about the issues facing the district. Orientation of new Board members should be accomplished as soon as possible after their selection.

New Board members upon taking office shall be given a copy of Colorado School Laws (latest version), set of job descriptions for positions in the district, the budget compilation and last annual report of the district, and such other documents as in the judgment of the superintendent may be of value to them.

In addition, the staff should provide a regular schedule of familiarization to be substantially completed within one-half year of the new member assuming his or her duties.

Ongoing Development
In keeping with their need for continuing in-service training and development, the Board encourages the participation of all members at appropriate school board conferences, workshops and conventions. However, in order to control the investment of time and funds needed to implement this policy, the Board establishes the following principles and procedures for its guidance:

1. A calendar of school board conferences, conventions and workshops shall be maintained by the Secretary to the Board. The Board shall decide periodically which meetings appear to be most promising in terms of producing direct and indirect benefits to the school district. At least annually, the Board shall identify those new ideas, procedures or possible benefits that might result from participation at such meetings.

2. Funds for participation at such meetings shall be budgeted for on an annual basis. When funds are limited, the Board shall designate which of its members would be the most appropriate to participate at a given meeting.

3. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those who do participate will be requested to share information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting.

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