

BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

On-going development and in-service education are critical aspects of the overall operation of a school system. It is recognized that the board members of this school unit, like administrators, teachers, and other school personnel, need to be well informed and to stay current on education issues. Continually enhancing boardsmanship skills is necessary to make each member the best that they can be.

Participation is encouraged in appropriate local, regional, state and national programs sponsored by the Maine School Boards Association, the Maine School Management Association, the National School Boards Association, and other recognized leaders in education. This board is committed to the further development of its members so that the greatest good can be rendered by them on behalf of the children in our schools. Adequate funds are to be budgeted annually to fulfill that important responsibility of school governance.

Reasonable expenses incurred by board members when giving of their time to obtain in-service education shall be reimbursed in accordance with existing policy and budget allocations.

Members shall briefly report to the board and the public at a meeting subsequent to a formal in-service experience. This is to share knowledge gained and to inform the community of the benefits from such expenditures to enhance the ability to oversee the school system effectively. Written reports, by board members or about in-service education events attended, shall appear in school and community publications when appropriate as part of the school unit's public information program.

The board is committed to the individual and collective seeking of good advice, reliable information and feasible solutions to problems. The board's needs are included with those of the staff for a well-developed, comprehensive in-service education program to assist all who are responsible for effective and enlightened school leadership.