

## **Bylaws of the Board**

### **Board Member Professional Development**

The Orange Board of Education desires that its individual members learn, understand and practice effective governance principles. The Board is responsible for member orientation and development. Orange Board members have an equal opportunity to attend state and national meetings designed to familiarize members with public school issues, governance, and legislation.

In order to develop leadership capabilities, become informed about current issues in education, and improve their skills as members of a policy-making body, Orange Board members will participate in opportunities for development that may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- In-service activities planned by the Board and by the administration for staff members, as appropriate;
- Participation in conferences, workshops, and conventions held by State and National School Boards Associations and other educational organizations;
- Subscriptions to publications addressing Board member concerns.

To control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Orange Board establishes these principles and procedures for its guidance:

- The Superintendent of Schools will inform Board members, in a timely manner, of upcoming conferences, conventions and workshops. The Superintendent will decide which meetings appear to be most likely to produce the greatest benefit to the Board and the district;
- Funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted. When funds are limited, the Superintendent and Board Chair will designate which members would be most appropriate to participate at a given meeting;
- If authorized to attend, Board members will be reimbursed, upon request, for travel expenses at the current IRS level.
- When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those who do participate will be requested to share, by means of written or oral reports, information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting.

Professional journals and books in school professional libraries shall be made available to all Board members.

(cf. 1100 – Communication with the Public)

(cf. 4133 – Travel Reimbursement)

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