

BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

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Membership on the Wake County Board of Education requires knowledge of and orientation to many areas of information. Board members are encouraged to participate in school Board development activities designed for them. The Superintendent shall organize and offer orientation to new Board members. Orientation can include internal activities within the district, including visits with the superintendent and other members of the staff and provision of materials on Board policies, administrative regulations, and procedures.

In addition, new Board members will have the opportunity and will be encouraged to attend orientation programs for new Board members sponsored by the state and national school board associations.

Each Board member must fulfill the legal requirement to receive a minimum of 12 hours of training ~~annually~~every two years. The training shall include but not be limited to public school law, public school finance, and duties and responsibilities of local boards of education.

All Board members must receive a minimum of two hours of ethics education within 12 months after initial election or appointment to office and again within 12 months after each subsequent election or appointment to office. This education must address the laws and principles that govern conflicts of interest and ethical standards for local government officials. The superintendent shall maintain records verifying that each Board member has participated in the required ethics education. The ethics education required under this paragraph may be counted towards the ~~annual~~ 12-hour training requirement.

Unless otherwise approved by the Board Chair or Vice Chair, such training must be provided by the following entities: the school system, the North Carolina School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association, the Consortium of State School Boards Associations, the School of Government, the Department of Public Instruction, school district trainers, or other qualified sources selected by the Board. ~~Board a~~ Approval of alternative training providers is for one year only and must be renewed on an annual basis. If a Board member wishes to receive training credit or be reimbursed for attending training offered by another entity, he or she must obtain pre-approval from the Board Chair.

Funds for participation will be budgeted annually, and reimbursement for expenses will be made in accordance with law and applicable Board policy. All Board members may attend a maximum of two national conferences per year unless serving as an officer of a national organization, making a presentation or other additional conferences pre-approved by the Board Chair.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-50; 160A-86, -87

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