

# World Learner School



**POLICY:** 107 School Board Member Development Policy

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 07.28.14

**REVISED DATE:** 9.25.17, 11.23.20

## **PURPOSE**

In recognition of the need for continuing in-service training and development for its members, the purpose of this policy is to encourage the members of the school board to participate in professional development activities designed for them so that they may perform their responsibilities.

## **GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. New school board members will be provided the opportunity to attend training sessions sponsored by various local and state organizations in Minnesota. All new WLS school board members are expected to participate in all three phases of training provided required by statute including governance, employment matters and fiduciary responsibility. These trainings must be initiated within six months of taking office and completed within one year or the board member must be removed from office.
- B. Newly elected school board members will receive an orientation to the district and the board. Board members and the Director are responsible for local orientation.
- C. All school board members are encouraged to participate in an additional 6 hours of training annually on school board topics and related workshops and activities sponsored by local, state, and national school board associations, as well as in the activities of other educational groups.
- D. Re-elected school board members will be provided the opportunity to attend training sessions sponsored by various local and state organizations in Minnesota. All reelected WLS school board members are expected to participate in all three phases of training provided required by statute including governance, employment matters and fiduciary responsibility. These trainings must be initiated within 1 year of taking office and completed within the term of the board member.
- E. School board members are expected to report back to the school board with materials of interest gathered at the various meetings and workshops.
- F. The school board will reimburse the necessary expenses of all school board members who attend meetings and conventions pertaining to school activities and the objectives of the school board, within the approved policy and budget allocations of the school district relating to the reimbursement of expenses involving the attendance at workshops and conventions.

## **Legal Reference:**

Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 2

Minn. Stat. § 124D.10, Subd. 4(f)

Minn. Stat. § 124D.10, Subd. 8