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The Kewaskum Board of Education believes that in-service training for its members is vital in order for the Board to govern the School District in the most informed and prudent manner possible. Informed decision-making grows more important as school governance becomes increasingly complex.

In keeping with this position, the Board encourages the participation of its members at appropriate School Board conferences, conventions, seminars and workshops. Requests for workshops and seminars shall be approved in advance by the District Administrator. The District shall pay any registration fee and shall reimburse attending Board Members for travel outside the District and other necessary expenses in accordance with expense reimbursement rates and procedures as listed in Board Policy #671.2 for District Staff Members.

The Board Members' reimbursable expenses shall be limited to \$800 excluding registration fees for national conventions. Any Board Members planning to attend a national convention are strongly urged to attend the state convention. The District shall pay no expenses for the spouse of any Board Member.

The Board correspondent or District Administrator shall report monthly on upcoming inservice opportunities for Board Members. All Board Members are encouraged to attend inservice development opportunities as their schedule permits. The members selected shall report to the Board on the inservice session attended and shall share information, materials and recommendation acquired by attending the session.

Annually, the Board shall select one of its members to represent the Board at the WASB Delegate Assembly. Whenever a new delegate is chosen by the Board, that individual shall be certified in writing to WASB at least five days before the delegate assembly begins.

The School Board may designate Board Members to attend the National School Board Convention. A Board Member may choose to attend an out-of-state conference/workshop in lieu of the National Convention at School District expense not to exceed \$800 excluding registration fees. No member shall attend who is in the last year of his/her term unless the member is a candidate for re-election.

The Board of Education may approve payment not to exceed the amount authorized at the Annual Meeting to Board Members for loss of earnings when School Board duties require an absence from the members' regular employment. Such per diem payment to be in addition to reimbursement for actual travel expense.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes 120.10(4); 120.13(16) (32)

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