

SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, WORKSHOPS

The Peru Central School District Board of Education recognizes of the benefit of ongoing board member in-service training and development. The school board encourages the participation of all members in meetings and activities of regional and state school board associations, and supports consideration of member attendance at vital activities sponsored or co-sponsored by other organizations, such as the BOCES, the area's school boards association, the New York State School Boards Association, the New York State Association of School Business Officials or the New York State Council of School Superintendents. Board members are encouraged to study and examine materials received from these organizations, to help advance the organization. The Superintendent of Schools is charged with establishing and sustaining in the district office a modest Board library of publications and materials, available on loan to members and other school officials.

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

1. The Superintendent of Schools will include, from time to time, as part of the monthly regular meeting agenda, particular workshops and conferences warranting school board consideration to designate representatives to attend and participate in such gatherings. The Superintendent of Schools will offer counsel to the Board regarding particular workshops, conferences and other key gatherings that appear most promising and cost-effective for producing direct benefit to the effectiveness of the school board.
2. The Board shall determine particular meetings and conferences that in the best judgment of the Board warrant participation by Board representatives or all members. The Board, by majority vote, may authorize particular members, officers and/or district officials such as the Superintendent of Schools and School Business Administrator to attend such meetings or conferences to represent the Board. In such case, a motion must be made, seconded and approved prior to such attendance, and entered into the minutes.
3. The Board will reimburse conference attendees serving as approved representatives of the Board for reasonable and necessary expenses not paid for directly by the district in advance, such as travel, hotel, meals, registration and/or materials, in a manner consistent with established district policy for such reimbursements.
4. Board members may receive pre-payment for conference attendance only in accordance with established district policy and protocols for reimbursement.
5. When any Board member or approved Board representative attends a conference, convention, or workshop, the individual will be requested to share information, recommendations, and materials acquired at the meeting with the Board or the Superintendent of Schools.

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