

Board Development Opportunities

The Shoshone Joint School District Board of Trustees realizes that proper board training is important. Decisions about school policy, personnel, finance, curriculum and communications can be overwhelming and may require training. Training board members to be effective leaders and decision makers is an educational investment that benefits the entire community. The Board believes that with proper training, it can create a positive and productive atmosphere for decision-making. There needs to be strong leadership among board members demonstrated by teamwork, effective communication, problem-solving skills and positive relationships between the board and the superintendent.

The board places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of in-service education for its members. The central purpose of the program is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of public school governance in our community. The board shall plan specific in-service activities designed to assist board members in their efforts to improve their skills as members of the policy-making body; to expand their knowledge about trends, issues, and new ideas affecting the continued welfare of our local schools; and to deepen their insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society.

Each year, the District will create or review a collaborative strategic plan designed to improve student achievement in the District. The plan will include specific aspects and funding necessary to comply with applicable state and federal law.

Funds may be budgeted annually to support the program. Individual board members shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses, as prescribed in policy 1420, incurred through participation in approved activities. The board, as a whole, shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in planned activities. The public shall be kept informed about the board's continuing in-service education and about the programs anticipated for short-and long-range benefits to our schools.

The board regards regular training sessions as appropriate for implanting this policy.

School board members are encouraged to attend workshops presented by the state and national school boards associations.

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