

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**School Board Governance and Operations**  
**Code = 212**

**I. PURPOSE**

In recognition of the need for continuing inservice 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.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. New school board members will be provided the opportunity and encouragement to attend the orientation and training sessions sponsored by the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA). School board members shall receive training in school finance and management developed in consultation with MSBA.
- B. All school board members are encouraged to participate in school board and related professional growth opportunities sponsored by local, state, and national school boards associations, as well as in the activities of other educational groups. Board members are encouraged to maximize their professional growth in a manner that minimizes the resources that must be allocated away from classroom instruction.
- C. School board members are expected to report back to the school board with materials of interest gathered from professional reading, on-line sources, workshops and meetings.
- D. The school board will reimburse the necessary expenses of all school board members who attend meetings 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 meetings.