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County Board of Education members, like staff members, benefit from professional development. As part of their role, County Board members are encouraged to participate in professional development activities that will help them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and learn new ways to cope effectively with the problems they confront. Such activities include regional, state, and national workshops, conferences, conventions, and seminars, such as those offered by the California School Boards Association (CSBA), California County Boards of Education (CCBE), and the California Department of Education.

In selecting appropriate activities, the County Board and/or individual County Board members shall consider activities that are aligned with the County Board's vision and goals and the needs of the County Board or individual member to obtain specific knowledge and skills. The County Board may consider developing a board training calendar annually in order to schedule and track board training activities and to schedule opportunities for County Board members to report on the activities in which they participated.

County Board members are urged to present timely reports on their professional development activities during regular meetings of the County Board.

Funds shall be budgeted annually for the professional development and training of County Board members.

Trainings

The County Board believes that the County Board's ability to effectively and responsibly govern SDCOE is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in all schools and programs throughout San Diego County. County Board members shall be encouraged to participate in professional development and training opportunities that help them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and develop boardmanship skills.

The county superintendent of schools or designee shall provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed County Board members which includes comprehensive information regarding Board roles, policies, and procedures and the vision and goals, operations, and current challenges of both the County Board and SDCOE. Throughout their first term, County Board members shall continue to participate in additional educational

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opportunities designed to assist them in understanding the principles of effective governance, including, but not limited to, information on school finance and budgets, student achievement and assessment, labor relations, community relations, program evaluation, open meeting laws (the Brown Act), conflict of interest laws, charter school petitions, student transfers, and other topics necessary to govern effectively and in compliance with law. All newly elected County Board members are strongly encouraged to complete the Masters in Governance for County Offices of Education program offered by CSBA, CCBE, or another reputable organization offering a similar course in nature. Unless otherwise waived by majority vote of the board, in order to be eligible to hold the position of Board President or Vice President of the San Diego County Board of Education, a County Board member must complete the Board Presidents workshop offered by CSBA, CCBE, or another reputable organization offering a similar course in nature. Upon completing such workshop and receiving a certificate of completion shall a County Board member become eligible for holding the position of Board President or Vice President.

County Board members may attend a conference or similar public gathering with other County Board members and/or with the county superintendent of schools or designee in order to develop common knowledge and understanding of an issue or engage in team-building exercises. In such cases, a majority of the County Board members shall not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the County Board's jurisdiction, so as not to violate the Brown Act open meeting laws pursuant to Government Code section 54952.2.

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