

## **BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT**

The School Board in modern America faces a difficult set of challenges. It must fashion a quality educational program to prepare children for an unpredictable tomorrow. It must decide complex issues of policy and principle. It must oversee the prudent management of a community's school facility. It is right and proper for the public to expect its elected board members to demonstrate high qualities of leadership as they deal with affairs of the public schools. It is also right and proper for a school board to expect public support for its efforts to enlarge the horizons and abilities of its members.

The Apple Creek School 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 approve specific in-service activities designed to assist board members in their efforts to improve their skills as members of a policymaking 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.

Funds shall be budgeted annually to support the program. Individual board members shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket costs incurred through participation in approved activities in accordance with state law. The public shall be kept informed through the School Board meeting minutes about the Board's continuing in-service education.

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NDCC 15.1-09-32 School board members - Attendance at workshop  
NDCC 15.1-09-33 School board - Powers

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