Board members are encouraged to participate in professional development activities designed for them. New board members will have the opportunity and will be encouraged to attend orientation programs for new board members sponsored by the state and national school board associations. It is the responsibility of the board to provide new board members a thorough orientation to board policies, practices and duties. Each board member will fulfill the legal requirement to receive a minimum of 12 hours of training annually. HB 1452: Local Government Ethics Act (S.L. 2009-403) requires every member to receive two hours of ethics education within 12 months of initial election/appointment and again within twelve months of every subsequent election/appointment. The clerk of the local board must maintain a record verifying the receipt of the ethics education by each member. Section 3 amends the current requirement that each school board member receive 12 hours of training annually to allow completion of the newly-required two hours of ethics education to count towards completion of the 12 hours.

Funds for participation will be budgeted annually and reimbursement for expenses will be made in accordance with law and applicable board policy.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-50, G.S. 160A-86, 160A-874, 115C-47, 115C-50

Cross References:

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