

Purpose

To describe services available to elected Board members

Definitions

N/A

Policy Statement

Members of the Board of Education of Allegany County are entitled to specific services as elected officials. Included among these services are:

- a. **Membership in the Maryland Association of Boards of Education**
The Board shall hold institutional membership in the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) and shall utilize its services to enhance professional development insofar as possible.
- b. **Participation in Board meetings as a Board member-elect**
After the general election and prior to taking the oath of office, Board members-elect shall receive all materials provided to the Board members. Except for voting, Board members-elect may participate in all meetings of the Board. In addition, after taking the oath of office, new Board members should attend the new board member orientation sponsored by MABE.
- c. **Professional Development**
In recognition of the need for board members to keep informed and develop points of view on educational matters, the Board encourages its members to attend workshops, conferences and conventions at the state and national levels for professional development. Conventions, conferences and meetings at which Board of Education members should be represented include, but are not limited to: (1) Maryland Association of Boards of Education conferences/meetings; (2) Maryland State Board of Education conference(s)/meetings; (3) Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) conferences/meetings; and (4) the National School Boards Association Convention.
- d. **Facilities/Services**
In the event Board members must prepare a study, communication or report, they may access secretarial and other support services available in the school system through the office of the superintendent.
- e. **Compensation/Expenses**
In addition to compensation and other benefits for board members as determined by state law and/or local policy, Board members are entitled to be reimbursed for traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Travel expenses within Allegany County are typically not considered reimbursable expenses. If multiple Board members are going to the same event, there is an expectation that Board members will share transportation. If a Board member elects to use his own vehicle, such reimbursement will be made at 50% of the regular travel reimbursement rate. Exceptions to the above may be approved in advanced by the Board President.

Legal Reference	Annotated Code of Maryland	Education Article	§3-203
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