

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

THE PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR INDIVIDUALS, BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS SHALL BE PAID BY THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ONLY WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD. SUCH AUTHORIZATION SHALL INCLUDE PROVISION FOR PAYMENT.

THE PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE PAID BY THE SCHOOL WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE PRINCIPAL. AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL PAY HIS/HER OWN DUES.

ALL EMPLOYEES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF THEIR CHOICE BUT MAY NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE COERCED INTO SUCH MEMBERSHIP.

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RULES

Teacher attendance at official county professional meetings held on school time shall be mandatory.

Meetings of all professional associations which are held for the purpose of enacting professional business and which require members to leave their campus during school hours may not be held unless prior approval has been obtained from the Superintendent or his/her designated representative.

At state subject area meetings, each school shall be represented when possible by at least one faculty member. Expenses for such meetings shall be paid in accordance with Board Policy and Rules 4007.

Officers, program participants, and committee members of state, national or international associations shall be permitted to attend conventions and perform such other official duties as may be required so long as any such planned absences and/or duties do not cause unreasonable neglect of regular school obligations. Expenses shall be paid in accordance with Board Policy and Rules 4007.

Attendance of other instructional personnel at conferences, workshops and national conventions shall be encouraged on the basis of contributing to improved educational practices. Request shall be considered and granted in line with budgetary limits and maintaining school or department efficiency.

Membership in specified recognized professional associations and attendance at their meetings shall be encouraged on an individual, school and/or system basis. This shall apply also to Board Members and county-level administrators.

Principals desiring to attend out-of-county meetings must have the prior approval of the Area Superintendents.

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