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BOARD OF EDUCATION PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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School Board Conferences, Conventions, and Workshops

The Board of Education recognizes the value of membership and attendance at conferences and meetings at the local, County, State, and National level.

Attendance at local, County, State and National workshops and conferences is encouraged.

The Board recognizes the need for continuing Board development and professional development, including Board Certification.

All Board trustees are encourage to improve their Boardsmanship skills and to become informed about issues and legislation by attending county level, State, or National conferences or workshops. The District shall reimburse expenses for Board trustee in-service training participation in one (1) conference and one (1) class each year, unless otherwise considered by the Board. Attendance at the MASB annual conference is encouraged. The District shall reimburse expenses for no more than three (3) individual trustees to attend a National conference and must be approved in advance by the Board President.

The Board expects each trustee to pursue their development and attain certification (Level 1 CBA) through the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Board Member Award Program during the first two (2) years in office at District's expense. Each trustee is encouraged to seek additional levels of certification in the MASB program.

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A trustee shall not be reimbursed for any travel expense, unless the travel has been approved by the Board President in advance of the travel. Trustees who provide their own transportation may be reimbursed for each mile actually and necessarily traveled in the performance of District business attending meetings outside of the District.

Expenses for spouses accompanying trustees are not reimbursable.

Each Board member is expected to report back to the Board after attending a conference at District expense.

Travel and personal expenses of spouse, children, or other guest traveling with a Board member shall be the responsibility of the Board member or of the individual. Expenses for convention functions attended as a group will be borne by the District within budgetary limits.

The President of the Board will regularly receive a record of Board member attendance at conferences.