

Members of the Lordsburg Municipal Board of Education shall participate in a mandatory training course developed by the Public Education Department for local school board members that explains state board rules, department policies and procedures, statutory powers and duties of local school boards, legal concepts pertaining to public schools, finance and budget and other matters deemed relevant by the department. The department shall notify local school board members of the dates of the training course, the last of which shall not be later than three months after a local board election.

Members shall also participate in a program of training on an annual basis which will assist in the performance of Board functions. Training shall address one or more of the functions stated in Policy 202. Training may be planned to meet needs of an individual Board member or needs defined by the Board as a whole. Training may be conducted by consultants contracted by the Board, the New Mexico School Boards Association, a State agency, or others deemed qualified by the local Board. Attendance at regional, state, or national conferences, with the approval of the New Mexico School Boards Association, shall be considered acceptable training. Records of training for each Board member shall be maintained in the files of the local district. Each Board member shall comply with State requirements regarding annual minimum training hours.

The Board recognizes the importance of training for its members. The Board also recognizes that the impact of its training on the District's budget should be minimal. Only costs associated with training approved by the New Mexico School Boards Association shall be paid by the District.

The Board shall approve all travel and training costs for each Board member prior to the travel and training of the individual Board member occurring.

The Board has authority to waive the limit on travel and training costs through formal action in a situation where allowing additional travel and training will directly benefit the District. The action to waive the limit must be taken at an organized meeting of the Board prior to the travel and training of the individual Board member for whom the restriction is waived.