

# LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Bylaw 9240

### REVISION

#### Bylaws of the Board

#### Board Development Training

Citizens elected to the Board of Education are entrusted with the responsibility of governing the district's schools. The Board believes that the Board's ability to effectively and responsibly govern the district is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in district schools. ~~recognizes that its members need~~ Board members shall be provided sufficient opportunities for professional development training that helps them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and develop boardsmanship skills.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed Board members which includes comprehensive information regarding Board roles, policies, and procedures and the district's vision and goals, operations, and current challenges. New Board members are encouraged to participate in additional educational opportunities designed to assist them in understanding the principles of effective governance, including, but not limited to, information on school finance and budgets, student achievement and assessment, labor relations, community relations, program evaluation, open meeting laws (Brown Act), conflict of interest laws, and other topics necessary to govern effectively and in compliance with law.

All Board members ~~may attend conferences for the purpose of Board development.~~ are encouraged to continuously participate in advanced training offered by the California School Boards Association, legal firms, or other such entities in order to reinforce boardsmanship skills and build knowledge related to key education issues. Such activities may include online courses, webinars, webcasts, and in-person attendance at workshops and conferences. In addition, workshops and consultations may be conducted within the district on issues that involve the entire governance team. ~~Board business shall not be discussed at conferences.~~

Funds for Board development shall be budgeted annually for the Board and each Board member. In selecting appropriate activities, the Board and/or individual Board members shall consider activities that are aligned with the district's vision and goals and the needs of the Board or individual member to obtain specific knowledge and skills.

Board members may attend a conference or similar public gathering with other Board members and/or with the Superintendent or designee in order to develop common knowledge and understanding of an issue or engage in team-building exercises. In such cases, a majority of the Board members shall not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the district's jurisdiction, so as not to violate the Brown Act open meeting laws pursuant to Government Code 54952.2.

Board members shall report to the Board, orally or in writing, as soon as possible on any ~~in-service~~ **board training** activities they attend, **for the purpose of sharing the acquired knowledge or skills with the full Board and enlarging the benefit of the activity to the Board and district.**

Legal Reference:     ~~EDUCATION CODE~~  
                              ~~33360 Department of Education and statewide~~  
                              ~~association of school district boards; annual workshop~~  
                              GOVERNMENT CODE  
                              54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially  
                              54952.2 Meeting, **defined -**  
                              **MANAGEMENT RESOURCES**  
                              CSBA Publications  
                              Professional Governance Standards for School Boards

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