

GP-17: COST OF GOVERNANCE

Adopted: 07/26/00

Revised: 05/24/01; 03/13/03; 11/13/03; 04/14/05; 05/22/08
11/17/09

Board of School Trustees

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board will invest in training and preparation to govern with excellence.

Accordingly:

1. Board skills, methods, and supports will be sufficient to assure governing with excellence.
 - A. Training and retraining will be used liberally to orient new members and may be offered to candidates, as well as to maintain and increase existing member skills and understanding.
 - B. Outside monitoring assistance will be arranged so that the Board can exercise confident control over organizational performance. This includes, but is not limited to, fiscal audits, surveys, or other practices by the Board.
 - C. Outreach mechanisms will be used as needed to ensure the Board's ability to listen to owners' viewpoints and values.
 - D. The cost of governance is not limited to leadership excellence. Good governing requires adequate resources to ensure the desired outcome of Board policies. Resources must be devoted to:
 1. Agenda production.
 2. Transcription and production of minutes.
 3. Response to constituent concerns.
 4. Board communications, both internal and external, but not limited to, Community Linkage, Educational Service Announcements (ESA), School Matters, and Web Casting.
 5. Staff training in governance, public engagement, and customer service issues.
2. Costs will be incurred prudently, though not at the expense of good governance as follows:
 - A. Sufficient resources will be budgeted within the general funds to conduct Board professional development and supplemented with grants and contributions.
 - B. Sufficient funding will be budgeted within the general funds to conduct audits and other third party monitoring or organizational performance.*

GP-17: COST OF GOVERNANCE
(continued)

Board of School Trustees

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

3. The Board will approve an annual plan derived from the perpetual calendar (see GP-3: Board Responsibilities, GP-4: Board Members' Principles of Operation – Conduct and Ethics) and will include a review of the budget to guarantee issues including an extensive policy review will be conducted every two years following the legislative session to ensure compliance with legislative changes.
4. The perpetual calendar will reflect the outline of governance activities. The annual calendar will determine specific information.

*The Board at its regular budget approval will determine the amount annually.