

GP-17: COST OF GOVERNANCE

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Board of School Trustees

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board shall invest in training and preparation, as well as self and external Board evaluation to govern with excellence. Training and evaluation shall follow the principles outlined in GP-4.2: Board Members' Principles of Operation.

Accordingly:

1. Board skills, methods, and supports shall be sufficient to assure governing with excellence.
 - A. Training and retraining shall 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 shall 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 shall 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.

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2. Costs shall be incurred prudently, though not at the expense of good governance as follows:
 - A. Sufficient resources shall be budgeted within the general funds to conduct Board professional development and may be supplemented with grants and contributions.
 - B. Sufficient funding shall be budgeted within the general funds to conduct audits and other third party monitoring or organizational performance.*
3. The Board shall approve an annual plan derived from the perpetual calendar as described in GP-3: Board Responsibilities, GP-4.1: Board Members' Conduct and Ethics, and GP-4.2: Board Members' Principles of Operation and will include a review of the budget to guarantee issues including an extensive Board policy review shall be conducted every two years following the legislative session to ensure compliance with legislative changes.
4. The perpetual calendar shall reflect the outline of governance activities.

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