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External Representation and Memberships

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I. PURPOSE

Connections between the Board of Directors and other governing bodies, agencies, committees or councils may enhance the ability of the Directors to perform their duties, may inform Board discussions of issues affecting the District and may further District goals on issues considered by those external organizations. Membership in external organizations may also result in an improvement in an individual Director's abilities to serve, as well as improve the ability of the Board to serve as a whole. The purpose of this policy is to establish the rules under which such connections and memberships may be made or established.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Directors may be appointed by the Board to serve as representatives of the Board on specified external boards, committees or councils.
 - 1. Appointments shall be made annually.
 - 2. Appointees shall report on matters concerning District issues under consideration by the external bodies.
 - 3. Appointees shall seek guidance from the Board on issues presented to the external bodies to represent the Board's position on the issue.
- B. Directors may serve on other boards, committees and councils because of their status as elected officials. In these situations, the Director does not serve in the official capacity as the Board representative, but as an individual.
- C. The Board, or individual Directors, may hold memberships in such local, state, regional and national school board associations so long as such memberships do not violate state law. Memberships shall be viewed as an opportunity for growth in board service and not as a representation of the Board of Directors.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. §128D.03 (Board Is On Some, Not All, City Boards)

Minn. Stat. §123B.02, Subd. 24 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)