

SOUTH DAKOTA School Law Notes



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Swier Law Firm Offering Professional Development Sessions for South Dakota School Board Members

Research shows that the most effective school board training occurs when all members of the board learn and interact as a team.

Swier Law Firm's Education Law Practice Group is now offering professional training and development for South Dakota's school board members. These customized and practical training sessions allow the entire board to come together and focus on particular areas of a school district's need. Board members can discuss their school district's specific legal situations, ask legal questions, and develop plans for complying with our state's many school law requirements.

Recent training sessions have included:

- 10 Tips for South Dakota School Board Members
- 4 Fundamentals of South Dakota's Open Meetings Law
- 10 Fundamentals of South Dakota's Public Records Act
- 5 "Legal Quick Hitters" for School Board Members



- 12 Tips for Teacher Non-Renewal and Termination
- Student Privacy and On-Line Accounts
- 5 Tips for Student Due Process Hearings
- What You Need to Know - Texting, Sexting, Cyberbullying, and Other Liability Issues Facing South Dakota's School Districts

For more information, please contact Scott Swier at scott@swierlaw.com or 605-286-3218.

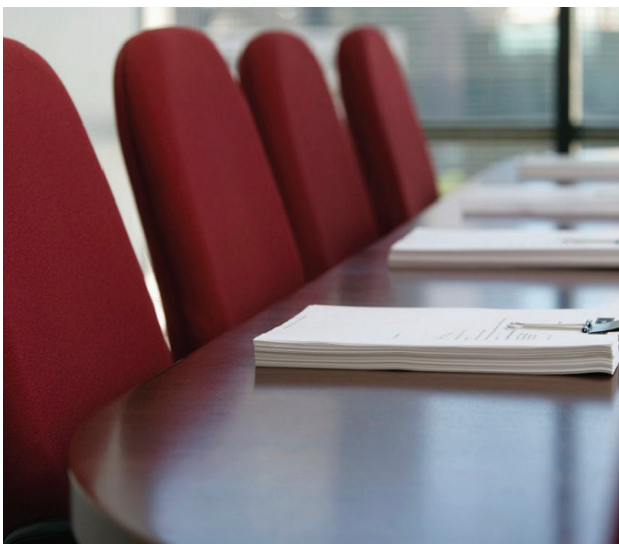


Q: Can a South Dakota school district charge a fee for busing certain students?

A: **Yes.** In South Dakota, a school district may charge a nominal fee for providing school bus transportation services to students whose residence is less than five miles from the school. However, the fee may be charged only to those parents who request school bus transportation services for their children. The amount of the fee shall be established by the local school board.

Q: When can a student be excused from school attendance because of an illness in the family?

A: A school board may excuse a child from school attendance because of a serious illness in the child's immediate family which makes his presence at home an actual necessity, or makes his presence in school a menace to the health of other students. The school board may require medical evidence as a condition to granting this excuse.



Q: Under what circumstances is a person not eligible to be a school board member?

A: No elective county, municipal, or state officer, or the holder of any other office in which the duties are incompatible or inconsistent with a school member's duties, is eligible to be a school board member.

Swier Law Firm Addresses South Dakota's New Superintendents

Scott Swier recently addressed our state's new school leaders at the School Administrators of South Dakota's annual "New Superintendent Workshop" on Monday, July 20, 2015, at Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma, South Dakota.

Scott's presentation to the group included "10 Legal Tips for New Administrators in South Dakota," "4 Fundamentals of Executive Sessions," and a general question-and-answer session.

"It is always an honor to address South Dakota's new school leaders," Swier said. "The opportunity to meet these new superintendents is always one of the highlights of the year for our Education Law Practice Group."

Scott leads Swier Law Firm's Education Law Practice Group and serves as an adjunct professor at the University of South Dakota School of Law where he teaches the popular "Education and the Law" course. He also serves as the SASD's legal counsel and authors the monthly newsletter - South Dakota *School Law Notes*.



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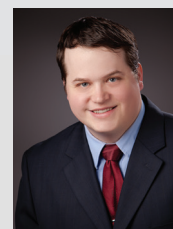
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