

**NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION  
(Board Candidate Orientation)**

The Board considers it important that a new member be knowledgeable about school governance and operations, and, insofar as possible, prepared to discuss and cast informed votes on matters before the Board--from the time that he is sworn into office.

All candidates shall be urged to attend, and be welcomed at, public meetings of the Board during the period of their candidacy. All public information about the school system shall be made easily available to them.

Additionally, the Board directs the Superintendent to cooperate impartially with all candidates in providing them with information about school governance, Board operations, and school programs. This cooperation, for example, may include:

1. Notification of public meetings of the Board, with the agenda provided.
2. Meeting with a candidate or candidates to provide background information on the school system and school board service and/or arranging such other candidate-orientation sessions as he finds desirable.
3. Providing each candidate with information published by the state school boards association on the powers and duties of boards and other association materials germane to board service.
4. Making arrangements for the candidate to review the current policies of the Board, administrative regulations, and other publications of the school system.

The Board and its staff shall seek to be impartial as they cooperate in the orientation of Board candidates. It expects the candidates to recognize that until and unless elected to the Board their official status is that of other members of the public and thus are not entitled to privileged information such as is rightfully discussed only in executive session.

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