

The Board desires that its individual members learn, understand, and practice effective governance principles. The Board is responsible for Board member orientation and development. Board members have an equal opportunity to attend local meetings designed to familiarize members with public school issues, governance, and legislation provided that the Board pre-approve any expenses associated with such meetings. The Board President and/or Superintendent shall provide all Board members with information regarding pertinent education materials, publications, and notices of training or development. Members of the Board may hold membership in local, regional, state, and national School Board Associations.

Candidates

The Board President, Superintendent, or designee shall invite all interested candidates for the office of Board member to attend: Board meetings, except that this invitation shall not extend to any closed meetings.

New Board Member Orientation

The Board, with the assistance of the Superintendent, will endeavor to orient new board members to the work of the Board. It will endeavor to familiarize new Board members with the operation of the schools. Incoming members may be invited to meet with the Board President and Superintendent to discuss the nature and operation of the Board and the school system and to ask questions about Board processes and procedures.

The Board President may also request a veteran Board member to mentor a new member.

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2:125 (Board Member Expenses)
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