

0144.1 - PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

The Board considers it important that prospective new members 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 they are sworn into office.

Candidates shall be urged to attend all public meetings of the Board during the period of their candidacy. All public information about the school system shall be made 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 the candidates to provide background information on the school system and school Board service and/or arranging such other orientation sessions as the candidates or the Board may request.
3. providing all candidates 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 candidates to review the current policies of the Board 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. The candidates are expected to recognize that until they are elected to the Board, their status is that of other members of the public, and in keeping with statute, they are not entitled to privileged information such as matters discussed in executive session.

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