

Board of Education

Board Member Development

The Board of Education desires that its individual members learn, understand, and practice effective governance principles. The Board is responsible for member orientation and development. Board members have an equal opportunity to attend state and national meetings designed to familiarize members with public school issues, governance, and legislation.

The Board President and/or Superintendent shall provide all Board members with information regarding pertinent educational materials, publications, and notices of training or development.

Professional Development

The Board of Education strongly encourages its members to participate actively in the Illinois Association of School Board's LeaderShop and Master Board Member programs. Paperwork and expense reports are due to the Board Secretary within sixty days and a report to the Board is expected within two meetings.

New Board Member Orientation

The following steps are taken to orient newly elected or appointed Board of Education members:

1. The Board President or designee shall arrange a meeting with new Board member(s) for the purpose of explaining and answering questions about Board processes and procedures.
2. The Superintendent or designee shall arrange a meeting of the Board President, the Superintendent, and the new member for the purpose of answering questions and acquainting the member with the District.
3. The Superintendent shall give each new Board of Education member copies of the Board of Education Policy Manual, the Board of Education meetings minutes for the past year, and other helpful information including material explaining the Board of Education's roles and responsibilities.
4. The Board President may request a veteran Board member to mentor a new member.
5. New members are encouraged to attend workshops for new members conducted by the Illinois Association of Board of Educations.

Candidates

The Superintendent or designee shall invite all current candidates for the office of Board of Education member to attend (1) Board of Education meetings, except that this invitation shall not extend to any closed meetings, and (2) pre-election workshops for candidates.

CROSS REF.: 2:80 (Board Member Ethics), 2:125 (Board Member Expenses)

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