

## **Board of Education**

### **Board Member Development**

The School 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 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 education materials, publications, and notices of training or development.

### **Board Self-Evaluation**

The Board will conduct periodic self-evaluations with the goal of continuous improvement.

### **New Board Member Orientation**

The orientation process for newly elected or appointed Board of Education members includes:

1. The Board President or Superintendent or their designees, shall give each new Board member a copy **of** or online access to the Board Policy Manual, the Board's regular meeting minutes for the past year, and other helpful information including material describing the District and explaining the Board's roles and responsibilities.
2. The Board President or designee shall schedule one or more special Board meetings, or schedule time during regular meetings for Board members to become acquainted and to review Board processes and procedures.
3. The Board President may request a veteran Board member to mentor a new member.
4. All new members are encouraged to attend workshops for new members conducted by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

### **Candidates**

The Superintendent or designee shall invite all current candidates for the office of School Board 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.

LEGAL REF: 5 ILCS 120/2

CROSS REF.: 2:80 (Board Member Oath and Conduct), 2:125 (Board Member Expenses), 2:200 (Types of School Board Meetings)

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