

## **School Board**

### **Board Member Development**

The School Board 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.

### **New Board Member Orientation**

The following steps are taken to orient newly elected or appointed School Board 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 School Board member copies of the School Board Policy Manual, the School Board meetings minutes for the past year, and other helpful information including material explaining the School Board'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 School Boards.

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

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