

ORIENTATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ideally, the orientation of new Board members should begin before the person becomes a candidate for Board membership and continue through the first few months of Board membership.

Pre-candidacy:

Persons interested in becoming candidates for Board membership are encouraged to avail themselves of every opportunity to become familiar with the school system well in advance of the filing date. They should attend Board meetings, visit schools, read widely, and discuss the school program with the Superintendent, board members, principals, teachers, service personnel, and citizens.

Candidacy:

Candidates for Board membership will be supplied with agendas for all Board meetings with full supporting information. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to (1) supply the candidate with copies of any Board publications such as the handbook, budget or directory that he may request; (2) arrange for the candidate to tour the schools, the central office, or any other part of the Board's program; (3) arrange for the candidate to discuss the school program with any Board personnel; (4) provide the candidate with access to any of the Board's records except confidential student or personnel records; (5) supply him with any other information that he shall request. The Board members should make themselves available to discuss any aspect of the school program with candidates for school board membership.

Member-elect:

The Board member-elect should attend all meetings of the Board, attend meetings and training sessions of the West Virginia School Boards' Association, read pertinent literature such as the American School Board Journal, become familiar with the educational sections of the West Virginia Code, and if possible, visit innovative schools in surrounding areas. The Superintendent and the Board members shall encourage the member-elect to ask questions and seek information and shall help him in any way possible.

SOURCE : Board of Education Minutes

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