

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

The School Board may hold a closed meeting with representatives of a State association authorized under Article 23 of The School Code of Illinois, for the purpose of discussing a School Board's self-evaluation practices and procedures, or professional ethics.

**New Board Member Orientation**

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

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. All new members are encouraged to attend workshops for new members conducted by the Illinois Association of School Boards.
3. All new member(s) are encouraged to ask questions in advance of the meeting to feel comfortable with the upcoming agenda.
4. All new member(s) are encouraged to ask questions for clarity at the board meetings.

5. The Superintendent or designee shall give each new School Board member a copy or online access to the School Board Policy manual, the School Board's regular meeting minutes for the past year, and other helpful information including material explaining the School Board's roles and responsibilities, answer questions and acquainting the member with the district.

**Candidates**

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

**Board Representatives**

The Board shall appoint annually a delegate and alternate to the IASB Delegate Assembly.

LEGAL REF: 5ILCS 120/2

CROSS REF: 2:80 (Board Member Ethics), 2:125 (Board Member Expenses), 2:20 (Types of School Board Meetings)

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