

## **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 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 of Education 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 designee shall arrange a meeting with new Board members for the purpose of explaining and answering questions about Board processes and procedures.
2. The Superintendent or designee shall give each new Board of Education member a copy of online access to the Board of Education Policy Manual, the Board of Education's regular meeting minutes for the past year, and other helpful information including material explaining the Board of Education's roles and responsibilities.
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 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.

LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 120/2.

CROSS REF.: 2:80 (Board Member Ethics), 2:125 (Board Member Expenses), 2:200 (Types of Board of Education Meetings)

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