

School Board

Board Candidate Orientation

The Board of Education considers it important that a new member be knowledgeable about school governance and operations, and, insofar as possible, prepared to discuss and cast informed votes on matters before the Board -- from the time that he or she is sworn into office.

Therefore, during the last two months of their candidacy, all candidates seeking election to the Board will be urged to attend, and be welcomed at, public meetings of the Board. All public information about the school system will be made available to them.

In addition, the Board directs the Superintendent to cooperate impartially with all candidates in providing them with information about school governance, Board operations, and school programs. This cooperation, for example, may include:

1. Notifying the candidates of public meetings of the Board, with the agenda provided.
2. Meeting with a candidate or candidates to provide background information on the school system and school Board service and/or arranging for any other candidate-orientation sessions that may be desirable.
3. Providing candidates with information published by the Illinois Association of School Boards on the powers and duties of Boards, plus other association materials germane to Board service.
4. Making arrangements for each candidate to review current Board policies, administrative regulations, and other publications of the school system.

The Board and staff will seek to be impartial as they cooperate in the orientation of Board candidates. However, the candidates are expected to recognize that until and unless elected to the Board, their official status is that of other members of the public. Therefore, they are not entitled to privileged information discussed only in executive session.

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