

Board Member Development

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

New Board Member Orientation

The orientation process for newly elected or appointed board members includes:

1. The president 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 shall give each new school board member a copy of online access to the Board Policy Manual, the Board's regular meeting minutes for the past year, and other helpful information including material explaining the Board's roles and responsibilities.
3. The 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 shall invite all current candidates for the office of board member to attend (1) board meetings, except that this invitation shall not extend to any closed meetings, and (2) pre-election workshops for candidates.

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LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 120/2
CROSS REF.: 2.80, 2.125, 2.200

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