

Baker School District 5J

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Board Candidate Orientation

The Board considers it important that a new member be knowledgeable about the district and its operations and, insofar as possible, prepared to discuss and cast informed votes on matters before the Board from the time that the new member is sworn into office.

All candidates shall be urged to attend public meetings of the Board during the period of their candidacy. The Board directs the superintendent to cooperate impartially with all candidates in providing information about school governance, board operations and school programs. This cooperation, for example, may include:

1. Notification of public meetings of the Board with the agenda provided;
2. Meeting with a candidate or candidates to provide background information in the district;
3. Providing each candidate with information published by the Oregon School Boards Association on the powers and duties of the Board and other association materials regarding Board service;
4. Making arrangements for the candidate to review the current policies of the Board, administrative rules and other publications of the district.

The Board expects the candidates to recognize that until and unless elected to the Board, the candidate's status is that of other members of the public; therefore, candidates are not entitled to privileged information such as is rightfully discussed only in executive session.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)