

Orientation of New Board Members

A new member is to be given the Board's and staff's fullest measure of courtesy and cooperation. The Board and designated staff will make every effort to assist the new member to become fully informed about the Board's functions, policies, procedures, and issues. In the interim between election and assuming office, the new Board member(s) will be assisted in the following ways:

1. The newly elected or appointed Board member will be given materials on the role of a Board member.
2. The newly elected or appointed Board member will be invited to attend Board meetings to observe the operation of the Board but will not be a voting member until they assume office.
3. The newly elected or appointed Board member will be shown how to access Board policies, and will be given Board guiding principles, Board norms, Board and superintendent working agreements, guidelines for providing input to the Board, relevant publications from the Oregon School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association, and district adopted budget.
4. The members of the Board will serve as mentors to newly elected Board members.
5. The superintendent or designee will supply material pertinent to meetings and will explain its content.
6. The incoming member will meet with the superintendent and other administrative personnel to discuss services they perform for the district.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)