

Vernonia School District 47J

Code: **BH/BHA**
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Orientation of New Board Members

A new member is to be given the Board's and staff's fullest measure of courtesy and cooperation. Board and 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 Board member will be invited to attend Board meetings to observe the operation of the Board but will not be a voting member;
3. The newly elected or appointed Board member will be given a copy of Board policies, Board priorities, long range plans and district adopted budget;
4. The members of the Board will serve as mentors to newly elected Board members;
5. The superintendent will supply material pertinent to meetings and will explain its content;
6. The incoming member will be invited to meet with the superintendent and other administrative personnel, by arrangement with the superintendent, to discuss services they perform for the district;
7. The newly elected or appointed Board member will be strongly encouraged to attend new Board member training(s) and/or workshops sponsored by the Oregon School Boards Association, as appropriate;
8. Newly elected or appointed Board members will receive all reports and communications normally sent to Board members.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)