

ORIENTATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board and its staff shall assist new member to understand the Board's functions, policies and procedures.

The following methods shall be employed:

1. The incoming member shall be given selected material explaining the responsibilities and authorities of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools.
2. The incoming member shall be notified of the Board's regular meeting dates by the Superintendent.
3. The incoming member shall be invited to meet with the Board Chair, Superintendent, and other administrative personnel to discuss their duties and responsibilities.
4. A copy of the Board's policies and by-laws, all collective bargaining agreements, and the current approved school budget shall be given to the incoming member.
5. New Board members are informed, and senior members reminded, that:
 - a. The authority of local Boards of Education derives from the State of Connecticut through the State Board of Education.
 - b. The Board of Education is a unit, and no individual member of the Board has any independent authority beyond that which the Board may formally and specifically delegate to him.
 - c. A Member of the Board of Education may not publicly express personal views contrary to official Board policy unless he/she explains the Board policy before stating his/her private opinion.

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