

ORIENTATION

Board Candidate Orientation

The Board of Education desires to provide Board candidates with orientation that will enable them to understand the responsibilities and expectations of Board membership. The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide all candidates with general information about school programs, district operations, and Board responsibilities. He/she may also provide candidates with information about the election process, including, but not limited to, information about campaign conduct and ballot statement information.

(cf. 9200 - Limits of Board Member Authority)

(cf. 9220 - Board of Education Elections)

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

The Board encourages all candidates to attend public Board meetings during the period of their candidacy. Candidates shall have the same access as members of the public to district staff and information.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

New Board Member Orientation

The Board shall convene a meeting to provide an orientation and information to incoming Board members to assist them in understanding the Board's functions, policies, procedures, protocols, and agreed-upon standards of conduct. Incoming Board members shall receive the district's policy manual and other materials related to the district and Board member responsibilities.

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

The Superintendent/Principal may provide incoming Board members with additional background and information regarding the district's vision and goals, operations, and current challenges in areas that include, but are not be limited to, student achievement, curriculum, finance, facilities, policy, human resources, and collective bargaining.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

Incoming members are encouraged to attend Board meetings and review agenda materials available to the public in order to become familiar with current issues facing the district. Incoming members also may, at district expense and with approval of the Board, attend workshops and conferences relevant to their individual needs or to the needs of the Board as a whole or the district.

ORIENTATION (continued)

(cf. 9240 - Board Development)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33360 *Department of Education and statewide association of school district boards; annual workshops*

33362-33363 *Reimbursement of expenses; board member or member-elect*

ELECTIONS CODE

13307 *Candidate's statement*

20440 *Code of Fair Campaign Practices*

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 *The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:*

54952.1 *Member of a legislative body*

54952.7 *Copies of Brown Act to board members*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

School Board Leadership, 2007

The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2007

Guide to Effective Meetings, 2007

Professional Governance Standards, 2000

Maximizing School Board Leadership, 1996

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Becoming a Better Board Member: A Guide to Effective School Board Service, 2006

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Fair Political Practices Commission: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>