

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD:

Orientation of Board Members:

The Board of Education ~~and the Administrative staff~~ shall assist each new member-elect to understand the Board of Education's functions, policies and procedures and operation of the school system. The following methods shall be employed:

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall invite all current candidates for the office of Board of Education member to attend (1) Board meetings, except that this invitation shall not extend to any executive sessions ??

1. The new members shall be given selected material on the function of the Board of Education and the school system??
2. The new member shall be invited to meet with the Superintendent ~~and other Administrative personnel~~ to discuss services performed for the Board.
3. The new member shall be provided with a copy of the Board of Education Handbook. ~~Board's policies and bylaws, Administrative regulations and copies of pertinent materials developed by the State School Board Association.~~
4. The new member may attend, at District expense, workshops for newly elected members. ~~as approved by the Board of Education.~~
- ~~5. In election years, the Somers Board of Education may also provide a workshop for newly elected members together with present Board members and Central Office personnel.~~

First-time elected board members are to complete a training program that minimally includes the following:

- The role and responsibilities of a board member;
- The duties and obligations of a board of education;
- School district budgeting and education finance.

This training must be completed at a time determined by the Connecticut Department of Education (CSDE), but not later than one year after assuming office.

The Board Chairperson or designee shall arrange a meeting with new Board member(s) for the purpose of explaining and answering questions about Board processes and procedures.

The Superintendent shall arrange a meeting of the Board Chairperson, the Superintendent and the new member for the purpose of answering questions and acquainting the member with the district.

The Board Chairperson may request a veteran Board member to mentor a new member.

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