

Bylaws of the Board

Orientation

Board Candidate Orientation

Orientation will be provided for board candidates so that insofar as possible, a new member will be prepared to discuss and cast informed votes on matters before the board from the time that he/she is sworn into office.

During the period of their candidacy all candidates will be urged to attend public meetings of the board. All public information about the school system will be made available to them.

Additionally, the board directs the superintendent to cooperate impartially with all candidates in providing them with information about the county office, board operations and county office programs. This cooperation may include:

1. Notification of public meetings of the board, with agenda and related materials provided.
2. Meeting with candidate(s) to provide background information on county office programs and county board service and/or arranging such other candidate orientation sessions as he/she finds desirable.
3. Providing each candidate with information published by the California School Boards Association on the powers and duties of board, administrative regulations and other publications of the county office.
4. Making arrangements for the candidates to review the current policies of the board, administrative regulations and other publications of the county office.

The board and staff will seek to be impartial as they cooperate in the orientation of board candidates. It expects the candidates to recognize that until and unless elected to the board their official status is that of other members of the public, and thus are not entitled to privileged information discussed in closed session.

New Board Member Orientation

The county board and the county office staff shall assist each new member-elect to understand the board's functions, policies and procedures, and the general operation of the county office and county programs as quickly after election as possible. The following methods shall be used as a base for orientation, with such other materials and experiences upon which the president, secretary and the member-elect may agree:

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Board Candidate Orientation (continued)

1. The incoming member will be given selected materials on the function of the county board and the county office.
2. The incoming member will be invited to attend county board meetings which occur between election and the date the member takes office.
3. The incoming member will be invited to meet with the superintendent, board president and other county office personnel to discuss services they perform.
4. The incoming member will be provided with a copy of the county board's policy manual, including administrative regulations and bylaws, and copies of pertinent materials developed by the California School Boards Association.
5. The incoming member may attend, at county office expense, workshops for newly elected members conducted by the state and/or the California School Boards Association.
6. Visits to the county office facilities and program sites.

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