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Orientation of Directors

Policy 8400

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I. PURPOSE

It is important that Directors of the Board begin their service with the necessary preparation to be a full and effective member of the Board upon the commencement of their term of office. The complexities of the governance, management and control of the District are such that orientation of duly elected Directors is appropriate prior to their taking office. The purpose of this policy is to establish what orientation will be provided to duly elected board Directors.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The sitting Directors of the Board and the administrative staff shall assist each Director-elect, upon election or appointment, to understand :
1. the Board's functions and organization;
 2. the Board's policies;
 3. the procedures and operations of the District, and
 4. Minnesota Statutes affecting the District.
- B. Orientation may be accomplished through any of the following means:
1. Provision of reading and research materials; which may include:
 - a) to a copy of the Board's policies,
 - b) materials selected from those prepared by the Minnesota School Boards Association and the Council of Great City Schools.
 - c) Superintendent's Regulations and Administrative Rules.
 2. Attendance at Board meetings, whether regular, special, or discussion;
 3. Attendance at Board retreats;
 4. Provision as allowed by law of materials supporting the agenda of any Board meeting or retreat;
 5. Scheduled individual meetings with
 - a) the Board;
 - b) the Superintendent;
 - c) other administrative personnel for the purpose of discussing the person's functions; and
 - d) other agencies when feasible or necessary.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. §123B.09 Subd. 2 (School Board Member Training)

Cross References:

MPS Policy 8500 (Board Director Development)

MPS Policy 8505 (Director Travel)