## ORIENTING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board and its staff shall assist each new member-elect to understand the Board's functions, policies, and procedures before he/she takes office, by the following methods:

- a) The electee shall be given selected materials relating to the responsibilities of Board membership, which material is supplied by the New York State School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association, and/or other professional organizations; and any other materials which may be deemed helpful and informative;
- b) Be invited to attend all Board meetings and functions, including executive sessions, and to participate in discussion. The Board President will explain to each new Board member-elect the need to ensure the confidentiality of all discussions and/or actions which occur in executive sessions;
- c) The Clerk shall supply material pertinent to meetings and shall explain its use;
- d) The electee shall be invited to meet with the Superintendent and other administrative personnel to discuss services they perform for the Board;
- e) A copy of the Board's policies and by-laws shall be given to the electee by the Clerk;
- f) Be invited and encouraged to attend the New York School Boards Association's and Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association' workshops for New School Board Member.

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