

NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the manner in which new school board members shall be assisted in the assumption of their responsibilities.

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A new school board member has a most difficult task: to become familiar with the Sanborn Regional School District and the Board's procedures, and to deal with the various issues that confront the Board.

In order to help the new member serve effectively, the Board Chairperson will appoint a mentor for each new member. The mentor will have the following responsibilities:

1. To recommend reading materials to aid the familiarization process. The policy manual, current board goals, New Hampshire School Board Association's manual, and the various school handbooks and programs of studies should be included on the reading list.
2. To accompany the new board member to each school and to the central office to introduce him/her to administrators and staff members. The purpose of the visit is to encourage board members to make periodic visits to the schools.
3. To discuss Board participation and to answer questions about goals, procedures, and current issues. This discussion should also serve as an informal opportunity for the new member to bring up some of his/her own goals or concerns.

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