

## **BCCA: Candidates Orientation**

The school board considers it important that a new member be knowledgeable about school governance and operations, and, insofar as possible, prepared to discuss and cast informed votes on matters before the Board—from the time that the oath of office is taken.

All candidates shall be urged to attend public meetings of the Board during the period of their candidacy. All public information about the school system shall be made available to them.

Additionally, the Board directs the Superintendent to cooperate impartially with all candidates in providing them with information about school governance, board operations, and school programs. This cooperation, for example, may include:

Notification of public meetings of the Board, with the agenda provided.

Meeting with a candidate or candidates to provide background information on the school system and school board service and/or arranging such other candidate orientation sessions as the candidate(s) may request.

Providing each candidate with information published by the North Dakota School Boards Association on the powers and duties of boards and other association materials remane to board service.

Making arrangements for the candidate to review the current policies of the Board, administrative regulations, and other publications of the school system.

The Board, the Superintendent and the staff shall seek to be impartial as they cooperate in the orientation of board candidates. The Board 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 they are not entitled to privileged information such as is rightfully discussed only in executive session.