

**Burlington School District Policy  
B 24: BOARD CANDIDATE ORIENTATION**

**Former Policy BHAA**

The Board considers it important that a new member be knowledgeable about school governance and operations and prepared to discuss and cast informed votes on matters before the Board from the time he or she is sworn into office.

All candidates will be urged to attend, and will be welcomed at, public meetings of the Board during the period of their candidacy. All public information about the school district will be made easily available to them.

The superintendent will cooperate impartially with candidates in providing information about school governance, Board operations, and school programs. This cooperation may include:

1. Notification of public meetings of the Board, with the agenda provided.
2. Meetings with candidates to provide information on the school system and school board service.
3. Providing candidates with published information on the duties and responsibilities of school boards and board members.
4. Making arrangements for the candidate to review the current policies of the Board, district regulations, and publications of the school system.

The Board and its staff will seek to be impartial as it offers orientation for Board candidates. It expects candidates to recognize that until and unless they are elected, their official status is that of other members of the public and that they are not entitled to privileged information, which is properly discussed in executive sessions.

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