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0142.3 - **ORIENTATION AND TRAINING**

The Board of Education believes that the preparation of each Board member for the performance of Board duties is essential to the effectiveness of the Board's functioning. The Board shall encourage each new Board member to understand the functions of the Board, acquire knowledge of matters related to the operation of the schools, and learn Board procedures. Accordingly, each new Board member, shall receive for use during his/her term on the Board:

- A. a copy of the Board policy manual;
- B. the current budget statement, audit report, and related fiscal materials;
- C. a copy of the School Laws of West Virginia.

The Board will establish and maintain a library of publications and reference materials for the use of Board members and will provide a new Board member with a list of references that should be reviewed prior to being sworn in.

Each new Board member shall be invited to meet with the Board President, Superintendent, and Treasurer to discuss Board functions, policies, and procedures.

A. State Mandated Orientation

A person elected to a county board of education must attend and complete a course of orientation relating to boardsmanship and governance effectiveness which shall be given between the date of election and the beginning of the member's term of office. Provided, that a portion or portions of the orientation may be given after the member has taken office and so long as part of the orientation was provided to the member prior to his/her taking office, the requirements set forth in 18-5-1a(e) shall have been met. Members appointed to the board shall complete the next such course offered following their appointment.

B. State Mandated Annual Training

Board members shall annually receive seven (7) clock hours of training in boardsmanship and governance effectiveness, and school performance issues including, but not limited to, pertinent State and Federal statutes such as the "Process for Improving Education" set forth in WV Code 18-2E-5 ~~and the "No Child Left Behind Act"~~ and their respective administrative rules. The orientation and training shall be approved by the State Board of Education and conducted by the West Virginia School Board Association or other organization(s) approved by the State Board. A Board member serving in the final year of his/her term shall satisfy the annual training requirement by January 1st.

C. Failure to Attend and Complete State Mandated Orientation/Training

The State Board of Education shall appoint a committee named the "County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee" whose members shall meet at least annually. Subject to State Board approval, the committee shall determine which particular trainings and training organizations shall be approved and whether County Board members have satisfied the annual training requirement. WV Code 18-5-1a(h)

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