

## **Series 2000: Bylaws**

### **2100 Official Description, Purpose, and Board Organization**

#### **2101-AG.01 New Board Member Best Practices**

Individual Board members play a crucial role in the success of the District. To ensure that every new Board member is prepared for the role, has a comprehensive knowledge of the District, and understands his or her obligations as a Board member, every new Board member should strive to do the following within three months of being sworn in as a Board member:

- A. Tour each school building: The Superintendent will schedule a tour of select buildings for all board members on a regular basis. New members are strongly encouraged to participate;
- B. Meet with the Board President and Superintendent to have a better understanding of a Board member's obligations and role within the District;
- C. Attend the Michigan Association of School Board's (MASB) New Board Member Training. If this training is unavailable within the first three months after being sworn in, the new Board member should attend the soonest training available. If MASB is not offering this training, then the new Board member should work with the Board President to find another suitable training to attend;
- D. Read MASB's Open Meetings Act Booklet as provided by the Board;
- E. Attend Board Committee Meetings in which the Board member is not a committee member to better understand the Board's operations. The new Board member must attend as a member of the public and not in his or her position as a Board member; and
- F. Meet with the District's Financial Director to have a better understanding of the District's financial picture.

These guidelines only apply for a Board member's first term, although all Board members (regardless of experience) are encouraged to continuously participate in events that better prepare him/her/them to serve on the Board.