

# PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY DRAFT

## BIA – NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

*Category: Recommended*

A new member is to be afforded the Board and the staff's fullest measures of courtesy and cooperation. Board and staff shall make every feasible effort to assist the new member to become fully informed about the Board's functions, policies, and procedures.

The superintendent will ensure that a special workshop is convened for the primary purpose of orienting the new member to his or her responsibilities, to the Board's method of operating, and to District's policies.

The Board Chair will ensure that each new member is provided with a mentor from the experienced Board members. The Superintendent will provide the following materials:

1. The previous year's complete record of minutes.
2. The New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated relating to Public Schools. ("RSAs")
3. A copy of The Essential School Board Book: Better Governance In The Age of Accountability or a similar reading.
4. The School Board Policy Manual
5. The current school budget
6. All Negotiated Labor Agreements
7. Each School's Student Handbook
8. The NH School Boards Association Orientation Packet

These will generally be provided electronically.

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### **District Policy History:**

*Adopted: July, 1998*

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*Revised: April 3, 2024*