

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Items
October 20 – 21, 2011

MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

27. Approval of Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) Advisory Board appointments

In 1987, the State Board of Education approved a set of “Operating Procedures for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.” Part of those procedures was to establish an “Advisory Board.” In an effort to formalize the policies governing the “MSMS Advisory Board,” these guidelines were proposed. The MSMS Advisory Board will consist of eleven (11) members. Each member will serve a term for three (3) years with the exception of the Parent member who shall serve for the two years the child remains a student. Members may be reappointed for a single second term. Appointments will be made by the State Board of Education from recommendations by the State Superintendent of Education. Appointments will be made at the State Board’s regularly scheduled December meeting with service to begin at the January meeting of the MSMS Advisory Board. Terms will be set so that a portion of the appointments will expire each year.

Membership will be allocated to the following:

- 1 Practicing Secondary School Principal (Public Schools)
- 1 Practicing Secondary School Counselor (Public Schools)
- 1 Practicing Superintendent of Schools (Public Schools)
- 1 Officer of the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children
- 1 Non-Public/Parochial School Representative
- 1 Public Middle School/Elementary Representative
- 1 MSMS Parent of a Junior
- 4 Laypersons

Consideration in selection of members shall be given to assure that gender, minority, and geographic representation occur.

Existing Members:

- Ms. Karen Overstreet (Private/Parochial School Representative) Term Expires December 2012 (2nd Term)
- Mr. Mickey Gousett (Layperson) – Term Expires December 2012 (1st Term)
- Dr. Cherie Labat (Practicing Secondary School Principal) - Term Expires December 2012 (1st Term)
- Ms. Melissa Grantham (Layperson) – Term Expires December 2013 (2nd Term)
- Mr. Patrick Simmons (Parent) – Term Expires December 2012
- Ms. Carol Paola (MAGC) – Term Expires December 2013 (1st Term)
- Dr. Lee Childress (Practicing Superintendent) – Term Expires December 2013 (1st Term)

Reappointment

- Ms. Iris Myles (Practicing School Counselor) – Term Expires December 2014 (2nd Term)

New Members:

- Ms. Erika Dixon (Middle School Teacher) – Term Expires December 2014 (1st Term)
- Mr. Bill Luckett (Layperson) – Term Expires December 2014 (1st Term)
- Dr. Mark LaSalle (Layperson) Term Expires December 2014 (1st Term)

Appointments to fill vacancies that arise for reasons other than the expiration of a three-year term will be for the length of the unexpired term. Appointments to fill an unexpired term will be a person with a similar professional status. Officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary elected by those in attendance at the January meetings. The term of the Chairperson and Secretary will be one year. A quorum of the Board is not necessary to conduct business.

Meetings and Expenses

Meetings will be held quarterly and scheduled by the Director of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. One of the four meetings will be held on the MSMS campus. Meetings will be scheduled during the last week in the months of January, April, July, and October. Members will also be invited to attend special occasions during the school year, i.e. graduation.

Board members will be reimbursed for expenses related to attending the four scheduled meetings and any special occasions for which their presence is requested. Reimbursement for meals, lodging, and mileage will be based on allowable state rates for reimbursements as authorized by section 25-3-41.

Duties and Responsibilities

The MSMS Advisory Board will serve in an advisory capacity to the MSMS Director and State Board of Education. Members will be informed of the policies, programs, and procedures affecting the daily operation of the school and will make recommendations for improvement.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached