

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Items
January 16-17, 2014

THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

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

Background Information:

In 1987, the State Board of Education approved a set of "Operating Procedures for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS)." A 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 (2) 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 Superintendent of Schools (Public Schools)	1 Public Middle School/Elementary Representative
1 Practicing Secondary School Counselor (Public Schools)	1 Officer of the MS Association for Gifted Children (MAGC)	1 MSMS Parent of a Junior
	1 Non-Public/Parochial School Representative	4 Laypersons

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

EXISTING MEMBERS

NAME	CATEGORY	LOCATION	RACE	SEX	TERM	TERM EXPIRATION
Ms. Melissa Grantham	Layperson	Madison	White	Female	First	December 2013
Ms. Carol Paola	MS Association of Gifted Children	Gulfport	White	Female	First	December 2013
Dr. Lee Childress	Superintendent Practicing	Corinth	White	Male	First	December 2013
Ms. Iris Myles	Counselor Practicing Secondary	Natchez	Black	Female	Second	December 2014
Ms. Erika Dixon	Teacher Middle School	Sontag	Black	Female	First	December 2014
Mr. Bill Lockett	Layperson	Clarksdale	White	Male	First	December 2014
Dr. Mark LaSalle	Layperson	Moss Point	White	Male	First	December 2014

ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT FOR A SECOND TERM

NAME	CATEGORY	LOCATION	RACE	SEX	TERM	TERM EXPIRATION
Mr. Mickey Gousett	Layperson	Tupelo	White	Male	First	December 2012
Dr. Cherie Labat	Principal Practicing Secondary	Bay- Waveland	Black	Female	First	December 2012

NEW MEMBERS

NAME	CATEGORY	LOCATION	RACE	SEX	TERM	TERM EXPIRATION
Ms. Patricia Luscomb	Non-Public Parochial School Representative	Madison	White	Female	First	December 2015
Ms. Elizabeth Messer	Parent MSMS Junior	Carriere	White	Female	First	December 2014

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.