

September 24, 2003

ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR MILITARY ACADEMY BOARDS OF GOVERNORS

The Chief Executive Officer Recommends:

Guidelines for Military Academy Boards of Governors (Guidelines).

Description:

Pursuant to section 34-2.4b of the Illinois School Code, the Board may designate some schools as alternative schools. Alternative schools are exempt from sections of the Illinois School Code which involve local school council governance. The law

A Board of Governors member may be removed by the Board for a number of

specifically enumerated reasons, including for having any criminal conviction or failing to disclose any criminal conviction to the Board.

- The number of representatives will vary between Boards of Governors and will ultimately be determined by the Board.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None.

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Introduction

Chicago Public Schools Military Academies are unique attendance centers that serve

Organization candidates must also submit a statement of support from their Board of Directors or Chief Executive Officer and documentation of the corporation/agency/organization's for-profit or

not-for-profit status.

Community Resident Candidates:

- Must live within the attendance area of the school

- Must not be the parent/legal guardian of a student at the school as defined above
- Must not be an employee of the Board of Education

Corporation, Service Agency, or Community-Based Organization Candidates:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must not be the parent/legal guardian of a student at the school as defined above
- Must not be an employee of the Board of Education

Corporations, Service Agencies and Community –Based Organizations:

- Must be registered as a for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with the Illinois Secretary of State
- Must have a similar mission as the Military Academy and/or a demonstrated interest in

In case of a vacancy, the Board of Governors shall recommend a candidate for consideration by the Board of Education for appointment to fill the vacancy for the remaining portion of the term.

Teacher and JROTC Instructor Appointments

All school staff members who perform a majority of their duties at that school are eligible to vote in a non-binding advisory poll for the selection of teacher and JROTC representatives to the Board of Governors. The names of the teachers and instructor candidates and the number of votes that each received in a non-binding advisory poll shall be submitted to the Board with a recommendation by the CEO. In addition to the poll results, the Board will consider additional criteria, including, but not limited to, professional development, membership in professional organizations, and other related experience. The Board of Education will exercise absolute discretion in appointing the teacher and instructor representatives.

Student Appointment

The Board shall appoint the Cadet Battalion Commander, or, if the Battalion Commander

Advocate Appointments

The principal/ academy superintendent or Board of Governors may submit a list of Advocate Candidates to the Area Instruction Office. The Area Instruction Office shall then

Criminal Convictions:

Members may be removed by the Board of Education for any criminal convictions or

failure to disclose any criminal convictions to the Board of Education. The obligation to disclose

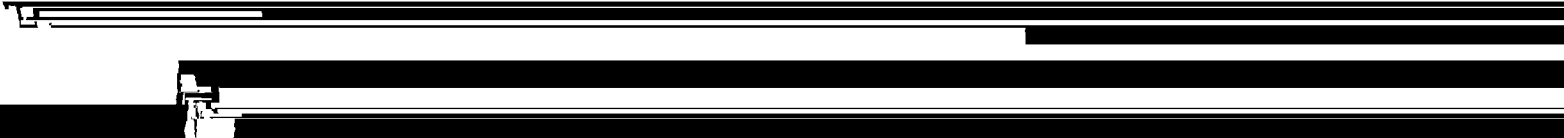
any criminal conviction is ongoing throughout the member's term.

Unbecoming Conduct:

The Board of Education shall have the authority to suspend or remove a member for unbecoming conduct. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

none of these candidates is acceptable, the CEO may request a new list of names from the Board of Governors or select a candidate not on the list provided by Board of Governors to recommend for appointment by the Board of Education.

- 2.) Recommend to the CEO the renewal or non-renewal of the principal's/academy superintendent's contract by no later than 150 days prior to the contract's expiration. The principal/academy superintendent must be informed at least 150 days before the contract's expiration as to whether the Board of Governors will recommend that the contract be renewed. Renewal will be solely at the discretion of the CEO and the Board of Education.
- 3.) Evaluate the principal/academy superintendent using the Board approved principal evaluation form.
- 4.) The Board of Governors may establish additional evaluation criteria provided such criteria are consistent with provisions of the Uniform principal's contract, the Illinois School Code and Board Rules and Policies. The Board of Education



General Counsel must ultimately approve additional criteria.

Powers and Duties

- Approve a School Improvement Plan and Expenditure Plan developed by the principal/ academy superintendent.
- Transfer allocations within funds via a super majority vote, provided that such transfer is approved by the principal/ academy superintendent and is consistent with



- Make public the names and addresses of Board of Governors members.
- Provide language interpreters when needed at Board of Governors meetings, in order to maximize participation of parents and the community.
- To the extent possible, if asked, provide a sign language interpreter at Board of Governors meetings for parents who are hearing impaired.

- Advise the principal/ academy superintendent regarding the granting of school facilities such as assembly halls and classrooms for social and educational activities.

pursuant to Board Rules.

Manner of Operation

1. No action by the Board of Governors is valid unless made by a vote of a majority of the serving membership, a quorum of the full membership being present, except a transfer of allocations within funds, which requires a supermajority. A quorum of the full membership is 50% plus one. A supermajority is 50% plus two.
2. The principal/ academy superintendent and the Cadet Battalion Commander may not