

March 25, 2020

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 07-0124-PO2  
GOVERNANCE OF ALTERNATIVE AND SMALL SCHOOLS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education amend Board Report 07-0124-PO2. The purpose of the amendment is to update the name of network leaders that support the appointment of members to Local School Councils ("LSC") and Board of Governors and to lower the minimum age requirement for LSC Community Representatives from 18 to 17 years old.

On January 24, 2007, the Chicago Board of Education received Board Report 08-0420-EX2

Guidelines and Procedures for the Operation of Local School Councils at Small Schools, 00-1025-EX2, Guidelines for Alternative Local School Councils, and 03-0924-EX01, Guidelines for Military Academy Boards of Governors and adopted a new Policy on the Governance of Alternative and Small Schools.

**POLICY TEXT:**

**I. Purpose, Goals and Applicability**

Alternative schools and small schools are attendance centers with: specialized school design, educational foci or curricula; and/or specialized student populations.

The Illinois General Assembly was aware of the specialized characteristics of alternative and small schools

**Small School:** A school created by the Board that has a specialized educational focus, curriculum or school design and an enrollment of approximately 600 students if a high school or 350 students if an elementary school, with an appointed body created pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4(b) to involve parents, community members and school staff in the activities of the school.

**Military Academy:** One type of alternative school created by the Board that has a military science curriculum and an appointed Board of Governors created pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4(b) to involve parents, community members and school staff in the activities of the school.

**Principal:** The lead administrator in a school selected by the Chief Executive Officer who possesses a Type 75 Administrative Certificate issued by the State of Illinois and meets applicable principal qualification

requirements established by the Board.

**Academy Superintendent:** The lead administrator in a military academy selected by the Chief Executive Officer who possesses a Type 75 Administrative Certificate issued by the State of Illinois and meets applicable principal qualification requirements established by the Board.

**III. Initial Establishment**

No sooner than two years from the date a new alternative or small is opened, the Board shall establish a council or board in accordance with the terms of this policy. Except when otherwise authorized by the Board, the composition of the council or board established for a new school shall be as described in section IV of this policy.

**IV. Composition**

Unless an alternate composition is otherwise authorized by the Board, the composition of a council established after the date this Policy is adopted shall be:

- the Principal,
- six Parents,

~~Teachers~~

~~Community Residents~~

- two Advocates, and
- in high schools, one full-time Eligible Student in good academic standing.

Unless an alternate composition is otherwise authorized by the Board, the composition of a board

- the Principal/Academy Superintendent,
- Commandant,
- two Teachers,
- one JROTC Instructor,
- six Parents,
- two Community Residents,
- two Advocates; and

~~and one other Senior Cadet~~

1. Parent Eligibility.

Each Parent candidate must:

be a parent or legal guardian of a student currently enrolled in the school, as those terms are

defined herein;

- not be an employee of the Board; and
- pass a criminal background investigation.

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- pass a criminal background investigation.

**VI. Appointment**

The following process shall apply for the appointment of members to a board or council:

Category  
Principal

Appointment Process  
Automatic appointment by virtue of position.

Assistant Superintendent Automatic appointment by virtue of position (military)

In the event of a vacancy, the council or board shall recommend to the AIC or MAO (COS) a candidate for

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... to the Board for consideration to fill the vacancy for the

[REDACTED]

Candidate Statements. The CEO may submit any of those names for appointment by the Board, or may submit other names. The Board will exercise absolute discretion in the appointment of Community Residents and Advocates.

In the event of a vacancy, the council or board shall recommend a candidate for consideration by the AIO

2. A council or board may remove a member for not attending regular meetings. A member may be removed by a majority vote of the council or board if that member has missed three consecutive regular



2. General Powers and Duties

Councils and boards have the following general powers and duties:

- (i) Approve a School Improvement Plan and submit the plan to the AIO or MAO (COS). At least twice a year, the principal or academy superintendent shall publicly report to the entire school community on the progress of the School Improvement Plan. The school community shall be

(a) If appropriate, initiate a student dress code and/or uniform policy if requested by parents or the

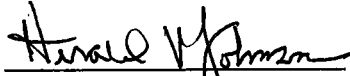
CEO.

(b) If appropriate, initiate a student community member involvement and school volunteer

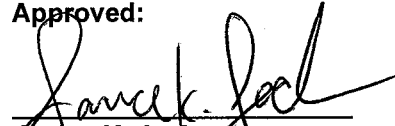
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**LEGAL REFERENCES:** Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b. and 105 ILCS 5/34-2.1s.

**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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