

ARTICLE I. BYLAWS

B. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

Section 1. Composition of the Board.

The Board is composed of seven members, elected or appointed as provided by the RSC and Michigan law. Board members shall be elected on a staggered basis on the November general election date in even-numbered years.

Section 2. Term of Office.

Board members are elected for four-year terms. Terms of elected Board members shall commence on January 1 of the year following their election.

Section 3. Board Vacancies.

If a Board position becomes vacant, the Board shall appoint a qualified person to fill the position within 30 days after the vacancy occurs. The appointee shall hold office until the next regular school election. Board positions may become vacant for any of the reasons provided by Michigan law. Resignations of Board members are effective without acceptance or approval by the Board.

Section 4. Acceptance and Oath of Office.

Elected, re-elected or appointed Board members shall file an acceptance of office and affidavit of eligibility as required by state law, and, before taking office, shall take the oath of office required by Article XI, Section 1 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Section 5. Board Officers.

Members of the Board shall elect by majority vote a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer at the Board's annual organizational meeting. Officers shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and take office. Officers are eligible for re-election to their offices.

Section 6. Vacancies in Board Offices.

A Board office shall become vacant if the holder of the office ceases to be a Board member, resigns from the Board office, or is removed from the Board office by a majority vote of the Board. A vacancy in a Board office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 7. Compensation and Reimbursement.

Board members shall receive (choose one)

- no compensation
- compensation of _____ per annum
- compensation of \$35 per Board meeting
- compensation of \$25 per Committee meeting

Board members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties. Board members will not be reimbursed for entertainment expenses, or for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. The Board will ordinarily not approve expenditures of District funds for members to attend meetings outside Michigan, and any such attendance must first be approved in advance by the Board. The Board may establish policies for the reimbursement of expenses of Board members.

Section 8. Committees.

The Board may create standing or *ad hoc* committees to gather information for and make recommendations to the Board. The President shall appoint the members of committees. No committee may consist of more than three Board members.