

**281—1.1(17A,256) State board of education.** The state board of education, authorized by Iowa Code chapter 256, is the governing and policy-forming body for the department of education.

**1.1(1) Membership.** The board consists of nine voting members appointed by the governor, with approval of two-thirds of the members of the senate, with not more than five members from the same political party, and not more than five members of the same gender. Effective May 1, 2003, the board shall also consist of one nonvoting student member as outlined in rule 281—1.2(17A,256). The nonvoting student member shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation. The nonvoting student member shall not be considered for purposes of constituting the necessary quorum.

**1.1(2) Officers.** The board shall elect from its voting members a president and a vice president, each to serve a term of two years.

**1.1(3) Terms.** The voting members of the board are appointed for six-year terms, from May 1 to April 30, with the terms of three members expiring every two years. There is no statutory limitation to the number of terms a voting member may serve. The nonvoting student member shall serve a one-year term, from May 1 to April 30, as described in subrule 1.2(1).

**1.1(4) Meetings.** The board is required to hold no fewer than six meetings each year. The majority of the meetings are held in the state board room at the department of education in Des Moines, which is located on the second floor of the Grimes State Office Building on the corner of East 14th Street and Grand Avenue. By notice of the regularly published meeting agenda, the board may hold meetings in other areas of the state.

**1.1(5) Compensation.** All voting board members and the nonvoting student member are entitled to receive their necessary expenses while engaged in official duties. In addition, they shall be paid a per diem at the rate specified in Iowa Code section 7E.6. If the student member's parent or guardian provides supervision pursuant to subrule 1.2(4), the parent or guardian shall receive necessary expenses but not the per diem. Per diem and expense payments shall be made from appropriations to the department of education.

**1.1(6) Additional board functions.** In addition to its functions as the state board of education, the board constitutes:

- a. The state board for vocational education, Iowa Code section 256.7(2).
- b. The state board for vocational rehabilitation, Iowa Code section 259.3.
- c. The state board for community colleges, Iowa Code section 260C.3.

**1.1(7) Advisory groups.** The following advisory groups have been established by statute to provide advice to the state board in the indicated areas:

- a. Nonpublic schools advisory committee, Iowa Code section 256.15, to advise the board on matters affecting nonpublic schools.
- b. Community college council, Iowa Code section 256.31, to assist the state board of education with substantial issues which are directly related to the community college system.