

Series 200**Code 207****Title: Membership and Term of Office**

The School Board shall consist of five members, with a quorum of three members. Any Tribal member enrolled in the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, or non-enrolled descendant of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa as evidenced by a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood obtained from the Enrollment Office of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa; who is at least twenty-one years of age and who is an immediate family member of a current student attending the Meskwaki Settlement School; and who is currently a resident of the Meskwaki Settlement or resides within twenty-five (25) miles of the Meskwaki Settlement may run for the office of School Board member. Immediate Family members shall include parents, legal guardians, grandparents, siblings, uncles, and aunts.

Immediate Family Members shall not serve on the School Board concurrently. For the purpose of this Title an immediate family member is defined as: spouse/cohabitation, child, sibling, parent, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, grandparent, and grandchild.

A member of the school board cannot be an employee of the Meskwaki Settlement School, however, a School Board member can be an employee of any other Tribal entity.

A member of the school board cannot be a sitting member of another Tribal board or committee or on the Tribal Council.

For the purpose of establishing the School Board the three candidates receiving the most votes in the initial school board election will be elected to four-year terms. The next two candidates receiving the most votes following the top three candidates will be elected to two-year terms. Thereafter, school board elections shall be held every two even-numbered years to ensure continuity of leadership.

Series 200**Code 208****Title: Tribal Liaison**

The Tribal Council will appoint a Tribal Council member to serve as the Education Liaison.

Series 200**Code 209****Title: Membership Nomination, Elections, and Eligible Voters**

The Election Committee of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa will post notice of Meskwaki Settlement School Board election forty-five (45) days prior to the election date at the Tribal Office, the Meskwaki High School, the Meskwaki Elementary School, Tribal Publication; in addition, the notice will be forwarded to the office of the Meskwaki Settlement School Superintendent to ensure all parents/guardians receive notification of elections.

Any enrolled member of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, or a non-enrolled descendant of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa as evidenced by a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood obtained from the Enrollment Office of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, who is at least twenty-one years of age, currently residing on the Meskwaki Settlement or residing within twenty-five (25) miles of the Meskwaki Settlement, and who is an immediate family member of a current student attending the Meskwaki Settlement School may run for the office of School Board member.

All prospective candidates will have twenty (20) days from the date the notice of election is posted to meet with the Superintendent of the Meskwaki Settlement School, complete an Affidavit of Candidacy, and submit a background check. All candidates for School Board will be required to submit to a background check to be completed by the Human Resource Specialist for the Meskwaki Settlement School to ensure each candidate meets the minimum standards of character established herein as required by the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act of 1990, 25 U.S.C § 3201, et seq. After the office of the Superintendent has verified the Candidate for School Board is an immediate family member of a current Meskwaki Settlement School student and the completed background check has verified the suitability of said candidate to serve as a member of the School Board, the Affidavit of Candidacy will be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Election Committee of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa. Failure to fill out an Affidavit of Candidacy or to pass a background check will prohibit a candidate's name from being placed on the ballot.

Regular school board elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in November of every even-numbered year. The polling place for the school board elections will be at the Tribal government headquarters.

All enrolled members of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, who are twenty-one (21) years or older, residing within twenty-five (25) miles of the Meskwaki Settlement and any parent/guardian of a student, who is twenty-one years or older and residing within twenty-five (25) miles of the Meskwaki Settlement will be eligible to vote. All elections shall be conducted by the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa Election Committee in accordance with Title 8, Article IV, Chapter 8 of the Tribal Election Code.

Series 200**Code 210****Title: Board Vacancies**

Vacancies occurring among the members of the School Board will be filled by appointment by the Tribal Council. An enrolled member of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, or a non-enrolled descendant of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa as evidenced by a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood obtained from the Enrollment Office of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, who is at least twenty-one years of age, currently residing on the Meskwaki Settlement or within twenty-five (25) miles of the Meskwaki Settlement, and who is an immediate family member of a current student attending the Meskwaki Settlement School may be appointed as a School Board member. Any notification pertaining to School Board member vacancy will be posted at the Tribal Center, the Meskwaki High School, the Meskwaki Elementary School, Tribal Publication and the office of the Superintendent of the Meskwaki Settlement School to ensure written notice is received by all parents/guardians of students attending the school in a timely manner. Prospective appointees will be given thirty (30) days from date of posting to submit written notice indicating interest in serving on the School Board to the office of the Superintendent of the Meskwaki Settlement School.

Prospective Appointee will be required to meet with the Superintendent of the Meskwaki Settlement School to request and complete an Affidavit of Candidacy for the office of School Board member and will be required to submit to a background check to be completed by the Human Resource Specialist for the Meskwaki Settlement School to ensure prospective appointee meets the minimum standards of character established herein as required by the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act of 1990, 25 U.S.C § 3201, et seq. Only after the office of the Superintendent has verified the prospective appointee for School Board is an immediate family member of a current Meskwaki Settlement School student and the completed background check has verified the suitability of prospective appointee shall the prospective appointee be considered to be sworn in to serve out the term to which he/she has been appointed.

The appointed member shall serve out of the unexpired term of the regularly elected school board member.