

## **Lewistown School District**

### **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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#### Student Representative to Board

The Board believes it is important to receive student input into decisions, which affect students. For this reason the position of a nonvoting student representative of the Board is established. The term “member” applies only to regularly elected or appointed members of the Board.

#### Purposes

- To help the Board gain a greater insight into student activities, programs, and needs.
- To encourage more student involvement in District governance activities through the existing student organization in the school.
- To provide a greater awareness and understanding of mutual issues between school staff and students.
- To provide for the active involvement of students in their education and to foster a spirit of inquiry whereby students may freely express their views and listen to and evaluate the opinions of others.

#### Guidelines

Guidelines for the student representative to the Board shall include:

- A student representative will be selected by the student council of Fergus High School for a one-(1)-semester term of office.
- The method of selecting the student representative shall be determined by the student council. Procedures must be reviewed by the principal.
- The student council may recall the student representative, providing the process of such recall is reviewed by the principal.
- The student representative is expected to attend all public meetings of the Board and can be appointed to committees at the discretion of the president. The student is an advisory, nonvoting representative, who may participate in Board discussions and sit with Board members at the Board table.
- It is expected that the student representative will make brief reports to the Board on a periodic basis, as well as to the student council.
- The student representative should serve as a spokesman for student viewpoints in policy decisions directly influencing students and should visit with students frequently. It is important that the student representative elicits information from a variety of people and attempt to formulate objective opinions.

- The student representative shall not participate in executive sessions.
- The student representative may not introduce or second motions.
- The student representative will be given a brief orientation and will be placed on the mailing list to acquire a copy of the agenda in advance and should be prepared for all meetings. Requests should be made in advance to the Superintendent for any items to be placed on the agenda.
- The student representative will assist in arranging an annual informal meeting with the student council and Board.
- It is understood it will be the responsibility of the student representative to make satisfactory arrangements for any missed school time or school work.

#### Review of Position

The Board will annually review the position of student representative to the Board.

#### Policy History:

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