

Internal Operations

SUBJECT: EX-OFFICIO STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

The Board recognizes that regular communication among the Board, the Superintendent, and the student body serves the best interests of the District. As such, the District shall have an ex-officio student representative to the Board (the “Student Representative”) to assist the Board in understanding the perspective of, and impact on, the student body with respect to the Board’s decisions and actions.

Term

The Student Representative will serve for a one (1) year term, commencing July 1 and ending the following June 30. Attendance by the Student Representative is welcome, but not expected, at Board meetings held during July and August.

Rights and Limitations

The Student Representative:

- a. Shall have the right to attend and sit with the Board at all public Board meetings, including public hearings and work sessions;
- b. Shall have the right to participate in all public Board discussions (the Student Representative may request occasionally to participate remotely or to be excused early, in each case upon approval of the Board President);
- c. May participate in training opportunities at the discretion of the Board, but will not be required to participate in mandatory training for new Board members; and
- d. Shall not: (1) vote, (2) attend executive sessions of the Board, (3) receive compensation from participating in Board meetings, (4) have authority to call for a meeting of the Board or for an item to be included on a Board meeting agenda, (5) be considered a “member” of the Board for purposes of calculating or satisfying a quorum, nor (6) be allowed to see, hear, review, or discuss confidential documents or information.

Responsibilities and Expectations

The Student Representative is expected to:

- a. Serve as the primary voice for the student body on the Board, providing a perspective on how Board policies and actions affect students;
- b. Solicit input and feedback from students on key issues to ensure that the Student Representative offers an informed and well-rounded student perspective;
- c. Communicate student needs and concerns to the Board; and
- d. Report back to the student body regarding the Board’s decisions and actions.

Qualifications and Selection

The Student Representative must meet the following qualifications:

- a. A senior in good academic standing at Ardsley High School who has attended Ardsley High School for at least two (2) years preceding the student's senior year;
- b. May not be president of the student council nor of any class during their term of service as Student Representative; and
- c. May not be an immediate family member (i.e., a dependent or a member of the same household) of: (1) a then-current Board member, (2) an employee of the District, nor (3) any person who receives compensation for providing goods and/or services to the District (e.g., vendor or contractor).

The selection of the Student Representative should be reflective of the student body as a whole. As such, the Student Representative shall be determined through an election by the entire Ardsley High School student body. The election shall be held prior to June 1 of each year, with the term of the elected Student Representative to commence on July 1 thereafter.

The student council of Ardsley High School shall conduct the election, including determining the date of the election and the deadline for submitting nominations, with supervision by the Ardsley High School administration. The administration will publicize the process and deadline for submitting nominations well in advance of such deadline. Interested candidates shall submit to the student council a nominating petition signed by at least two (2) students from each grade 9 through 12. The Ardsley High School administration will review the nominating petitions and have final authority to determine whether a candidate meets the qualifying criteria. If no qualifying students submit nominating petitions, or if the Student Representative resigns, is removed, or becomes unable to serve prior to the completion of their term, the student council of Ardsley High School may appoint a student who meets the qualifying criteria (as verified by the Ardsley High School administration) to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

The Student Representative is expected to abide by all Board policies, including the Code of Conduct, and to attend regularly scheduled Board meetings. Any failure to meet the obligations and responsibilities set forth herein, as determined by a vote of the Board, shall result in the removal of the Student Representative. The Student Representative may resign in writing to the District Clerk, who will in turn promptly notify the Board.

Education Law Sections 1702(3), 1709 and 2109

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #3410 -- Code of Conduct

Adopted: