

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON SCHOOL BOARD**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The school board values the voices of students and wishes to both encourage student involvement and promote a communications link between the school board and the students of the district by authorizing a student representative to serve on the school board as a non-voting member. The school board believes that the views, insights, and suggestions of a student representative on the school board can be an advantage to the school board in its decision-making role regarding educational policies and programs. The purpose of this policy is to define the selection, rights, and responsibilities of the student representative on the school board.

### **I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

#### **A. Selection and Term**

1. Juniors or seniors wishing to be selected as the student representative on the school board must complete an application form by the posted deadline. The selection will be made by a committee consisting of the high school principal, the superintendent and one school board member.
2. The student representative shall serve a one-year term, unless otherwise determined by the school board.

#### **B. Rights and Responsibilities**

1. The student representative on the school board will attend all regular school board meetings while school is in session. If the expectation of regular attendance is not met, the selection committee will select another student representative from those who had previously applied to assume all duties of the student representative on the school board.
2. The student representative will not be permitted to attend closed meetings.
3. The student representative, in consultation with the superintendent, may attend school board workshops and special meetings.
4. The superintendent will be responsible for providing the necessary training for the student representative to be successful in their role.
5. The student representative will have a designated spot to sit at or near the school board table for all meetings.
6. The student representative will be bound by all rules, policies, and regulations that bind the school board.
7. When requested the student representative will present a report at regular meetings and may offer comments to the school board regarding items on the agenda that affect students.
8. The student representative will not have the right to make or second motions or vote on business matters before the board.
9. The student representative will disseminate information from the school board meeting to the student body in any manner practical; for example, report to the student council regarding matters that pertain to the student body, etc.
10. The student representative will not be furnished board materials such as, but not limited to:

- a. Sensitive personnel matters,
  - b. Legal action strategy,
  - c. Negotiations strategy,
  - d. Individual student discipline, or
  - e. Other confidential matters.
11. The student representative shall receive all other materials distributed to the school board in the board packets or at the school board meeting. All information received must be handled in an appropriate manner as a student representative on the school board. The appropriate use of board information will be part of the training provided by the superintendent.
12. The student representative shall dress and act appropriately while serving on the school board in a manner consistent with other school board members and the school board Code of Ethics.
13. The student representative on the school board shall work to represent opinions of the student body and not solely the representative's own opinions.
14. The student representative on the school board shall consult with the superintendent of schools in carrying out the responsibilities associated with serving as student representative on the school board.
15. The student representative will not receive compensation for their service to the school board.
16. The student representative will not be a member of a board standing committee.