BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
EX OFFICIO STUDENT BOARD MEMBER PROTOCOLS

SELECTION

1. Selected through an application process through the Brewster High School Principal and Superintendent.
2. The application process will be publicized at Brewster High School so it is transparent.
3. Applications will be reviewed by a panel consisting of high school administration, a district administrator, high school teachers, a guidance counselor and one board member.
4. The same panel will interview all applicants with questions that will be informed by input from a variety of constituent groups, including the Board of Education.
5. Preference will be given to seniors and those who have been attending the high school for at least two years.
6. The appointment process should be inclusive and transparent.
7. The application process should be advertised beginning in April-May.
8. Interviews will be conducted in May-June.
9. The panel may select two Ex Officio Student Board Members and an alternate who will be appointed at the Board of Education's Reorganization Meeting in July.

ROLE

1. Student Board Members will sit with board members at all public board meetings and public hearings of the board.
2. Student Board Members will participate in other board activities and responsibilities at the discretion of the Board.
3. Student Board Members do not have voting rights.
4. Student Board Members may not attend executive sessions nor any other meeting or hearing that is not open to the public.
5. Student Board Members do not participate in the Board's annual self-evaluation, but the Board will evaluate how effectively they are utilizing

student voices in their decision-making. The Student Board Member may provide feedback on how well the Board is addressing student needs.

6. Student Board Members are not entitled to receive compensation of any form for participating in board meetings.
7. Student Board Members serve as the primary voice for the student body on the school board, ensuring that student perspectives, concerns and interests are represented in all relevant board decision-making processes.
8. Student Board Members will provide the school by school update of events.
9. Student Board Members are expected to:
    (i) bring valuable insights into how board policies affect students, while also acting as a liaison to communicate student needs to the board;
    (ii) report back to their peers, ensuring transparency and keeping students informed;
    (iii) gather feedback from fellow students on key issues that will allow them to offer a well-rounded perspective on district matters.
10. Role fosters stronger student engagement and helps ensure that board decisions are informed by consideration of student interests and concerns.

TRAINING

1. No specific training is mandated but orientations provided by NYSSBA are recommended and can be coordinated through District Clerk.
2. Meeting with the Board President, Vice President, Mentor and Superintendent twice a year or as necessary.
3. The Board will assign a school board member(s) as a mentor.
4. The High School Principal and/or Superintendent will meet with the Student Board Member(s) the week prior to a meeting to review the agenda.
5. If there is a discussion, presentation, or action item that requires student feedback, the High School Principal and/or Superintendent will give the student advanced notice so that they are able to do any advanced or preparatory work.

BOARD EXPECTATIONS

1. Attend all regular meetings and sit at the Board table.
2. Make comments during Student Board Member comment period at the beginning of each meeting.
3. Provide comments and feedback on presentations, as appropriate.
4. Student Board Member may leave after actions items are completed on the agenda.
5. Familiarize themselves with board policies, particularly those relevant to discussions at board meetings, as well as the Board's Code of Conduct and protocols.