

## STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### I. Statement of Policy

The Waterville Central School District (the District) will allow a student(s) attending the high school to serve as an ex officio member(s) of the School Board (ex officio student members of the board) to serve a one-year term.

### II. Scope of Responsibilities

A. The ex officio student members of the Board shall sit with Board Members at all public meetings of the Board during the school year and participate in all Board hearings and meetings but shall not be allowed to attend executive sessions.

1. If the expectation of regular attendance is not met, the superintendent will select another student representative from those who had previously applied to assume all duties of the ex officio student member(s) of the Board.
2. The ex officio student member(s) of the Board, in consultation with the superintendent, may attend school board retreats, workshops and special meetings.
3. The superintendent will be responsible for providing the necessary training for the ex officio student member(s) to be successful in the role.

B. The ex officio student member(s) of the Board shall not be allowed to vote and shall not receive compensation of any form for participating at Board Meetings.

C. The student representative(s) will have a designated spot to sit at the board table for all meetings.

### III. Selection Process

The ex officio student member(s) of the board will be selected by the Superintendent of the Waterville Central School District.

### IV. Expectations

A. The student representative(s) will be bound by all rules, policies, and regulations that bind the school Board.

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1. When requested, the ex officio student member(s) of the Board will present a report at regular meetings and may offer comments to the school board regarding items on the agenda that affect students.
  2. The ex officio student member(s) of the Board 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.
  3. The ex officio student member(s) of the Board shall work to represent opinions of the student body and not solely the representative's own opinions.
- B. The ex officio student member(s) of the Board will not have the right to make or second motions or vote on business matters before the Board.
1. The ex officio student member(s) 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.
  2. The ex officio student member(s) shall receive all other materials distributed to the school Board in the Board packets or at the school Board meeting.
  3. Any abuse by the student member(s) of rights, privileges, responsibilities or recognition, as determined by a majority of the Board, may result in the dismissal of the student from the Board.

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Legal Ref: NYS Education Law §§ 1702 (3), 1804 (12), and 2502.

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