BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY 5300

STUDENTS

Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Purpose:

To ensure student voices are heard, valued, and considered in decision-making processes, pertaining to district action that involves student items, the Board of Trustees will include a non-voting Student Representative position. This position will provide an opportunity for students to share their perspectives, engage in discussions, and collaborate with the Board on items involving students.

Selection Process:

1. The Student Representative will be selected from the Junior and Senior classes of Lowry High School and/or McDermitt High School.

2. Each high school will make the application available to all Junior and Senior students to ensure a diverse pool of applicants.

3. Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees based on a District developed rubric which will consider a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

Term:

1. The Student Representative will serve a term of one (1) semester, each semester equal to four (4) months each, after which a new representative will be appointed based on previous applications submitted through the established interview process.

2. A Student Representative may serve multiple terms if selected through the established process and maintain eligibility should no additional student applications be submitted and considered by the Board of Trustees.

Responsibilities:

1. The Student Representative will receive the meeting agenda at the same time as all other members of the Board of Trustees.

2. During meetings, the Student Representative will have the opportunity to comment on agenda items, answer questions, and provide student perspectives on matters relevant to the school community.

3. The Student Representative will act as a liaison between the student body and the Board, ensuring student concerns, ideas, and feedback are effectively communicated.

4. All student representatives must follow NRS regulations pertaining to Open Meeting Laws. District Office employees must provide the full guidelines of NRS regulations to the student representative, and are expected to study the regulations, ask questions and receive instructions per the Board President and/or the Board Presidents appointed/approved Board Trustee or outside training for proper understanding of regulations.

Eligibility and Expectations:

1. The Student Representative must maintain a C average or higher, and demonstrate a record of positive behavior throughout their term.

2. The Student Representative is expected to adhere to Board policies and bylaws and conduct themselves professionally and respectfully during meetings and interactions with Board members.

3. The Student Representative will review and endorse the Board Code of Ethics upon selection to the Board.

Voting:

1. The Student Representative is a **non-voting member** of the Board of Trustees and will not participate in official voting procedures. Their role is to provide valuable input and
perspective to inform Board decisions.

2. Student board members will be excused from confidential employee and negotiations discussions, to include exemption from closed meetings.

Removal and Replacement:

1. If the Student Representative fails to meet the eligibility criteria, maintain good standing, or fulfill their responsibilities, the Board reserves the right to remove the representative and initiate the selection process for a replacement.

Training and Support:

1. The Board President or Board President appointed Board Trustee/central office administrator will provide training, mentorship, and support to the Student Representative to ensure their understanding of Board of Trustees procedures, expectations, and responsibilities.

Limit of Program:

1. This program can be discontinued by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees at any time.

Adopted: August 12, 2025

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