

STUDENT REPRESENTATION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

RSU No. 2 will have two student representatives from each high school to the Board.

Student representatives will have non-voting status. They will fully participate in public discussions. Student representatives are encouraged to register non-binding votes on all board matters.

The Superintendent will provide an orientation for new student representatives and provide a mentor for the first year of representation to the Board.

Procedures for Appointing to Representation to the School Board

For the first year two students (one junior and one senior) will be selected as student representatives to the RSU No. 2 Board. The senior will have a one year term and the junior will have a two year term.

All juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for the position of student representative to the school board. Students will fill out an application (to be developed by the Superintendent and School Board). Interested students will be screened and interviewed first by school personnel, students and parents using a form developed by the School Board. The school will make recommendations to the School Board and Superintendent who will in turn conduct a final interview process.

Requirements of Student Representative to the School Board

Regular attendance at public Board meetings

Prepare for all meetings by reviewing materials beforehand and conducting necessary research to understand the issues.

Review policy BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics.

Review RSU #2 Policy Manual.

Understand Roberts Rules of Order.

Violations of confidentiality can result in dismissal from serving as representative to the board.

Duties of the Student Representatives to the School Board

The duties of the Student Representative to the Board include the following:

1. To provide continuing input for Board deliberations.
2. To strengthen communications between the Board and district students.
3. To represent all students and facilitate the discussion of all sides of issues. This duty does not preclude the Student Representative to the Board from stating his/her individual opinion.

Vacancy

If the position of Student Representative to the Board becomes vacant, another Student Representative shall be appointed in accordance with procedures approved by the Board.

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