

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD RULES FOR SELECTION AND PARTICIPATION

The following rules shall apply to the selection and participation of student representatives to the School Board.

Selection

- A. In April of each year, the School Board will provide interested sophomore students from each eligible high school with a form for application for appointment as a student representative to the School Board.
- B. A biannual, alternating, schedule will be established to determine the eligible school for appointment.
- C. Students should submit the application to the school office by the second Friday in May.
- D. A selection committee will review applications and determine an interview schedule. The selection committee will be composed of the building principal, guidance counselor, faculty member, and a board representative.
- E. The selection committee will interview candidates and select a student to serve as outlined. Selection should be completed by the first meeting in July. Terms for student representatives are for two (2) years beginning July 1 and end June 30 of the second year.

* Note: The first year of implementation of the stated policy will have a one-year senior student selected from a pre-determined high school by lottery. The other high school will select junior a student representative for a two-year term.

Participation of Student Representatives

- A. Student representatives must attend an orientation meeting with the Chair of the School Board, the Superintendent and outgoing student representatives. Topics discussed should include, at a minimum, the roles and responsibilities of non-voting student representatives, dealing with the media, confidentiality, public sessions dealing with controversial issues, and preparation for meetings through the use of written information packets.
- B. Student information packets will be delivered to the office of the school the student representative attends on Friday afternoon or Monday morning a week prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting. Students are responsible for picking up the packets and reading all information in preparation for School Board meetings.

- C. Student representatives serve in a non-voting capacity only, and their presence does not count toward a quorum for the purpose of the School Board taking action.
- D. Student representatives will be seated with School Board members and may participate in discussion during regular School Board meetings, special School Board meetings and School Board workshops or other informal meetings to represent the views of their fellow students. This responsibility does not preclude a student representative from stating his/her individual opinion.
- E. Student representatives may attend meetings of standing committees of the School Board as an ex-officio member.
- F. Student representatives may be appointed to advisory committees by the School Board Chair.
- G. Student representatives shall adhere to the School Board's policies and regulations, including the School Board's Code of Ethics. Failure to do so may result in suspension or revocation of the privilege of serving as a student representative to the RSU #50 School Board.
- H. A student representative may request in writing to the Chair or the Superintendent that an item be placed on the agenda for School Board's consideration. The Chair, in consultation with the Superintendent, shall determine whether the item shall be placed on the agenda.
- I. A student representative may not make or second motions or vote on any question.
- J. Student representatives may not participate in executive sessions.
- K. Student representatives shall not have access to confidential materials including but not limited to those prepared in anticipation of executive session.
- L. Student representatives may not participate in negotiations with any bargaining units of RSU #50 or in discussion or concerning the hiring, evaluation, compensation or other matters related to the employment of the Superintendent.

Cross Reference: BBAA – Student Representatives to the School Board

BCA – School Board Member Code of Ethics

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