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PUPIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Board recognizes that pupils are the primary reason for the existence of the school district. It considers the experience gained by pupils in the district to be a valued source for improving the operation of the school district. The Board is also desirous of furthering the experience of pupils in the governance process and providing opportunities for pupils to contribute to the future direction of the school district. To this end, the Board authorizes the appointment of up to three pupil representatives to the Board, with a maximum of one student representative from each constituent district.

Qualifications

The individuals elected as pupil representatives to the Board shall:

1. Be a member of the student body in grades 11 to 12.
2. Have a grade average of at least 2.0.
3. Acquired recommendations from at least two (2) teachers or staff members and one (1) recommendation from a Principal or Assistant Principal.
4. Have attended school in the district for at least two (2) years.

Term

Pupil representatives to the Board shall serve a term of one year and may be re-elected. The term shall begin with the first meeting of the Board during the current school year and extend to the final meeting of the school year.

Election

Each pupil representative shall be elected by the pupil government. The selected representatives shall have attained a plurality of votes in the election. The election shall occur prior to the close of the school year preceding the year the student will serve.

Pupil representatives shall attend all public meetings of the Board and shall be entitled to speak at the discretion of the Board President on all matters before the Board except as may be prohibited by New Jersey Statute or Code. Pupil representatives shall not be entitled to vote. All confidential information obtained by virtue of membership shall be held as such by pupil representatives. Pupil representatives shall be held to the same code of ethics as elected and appointed members of the Board.



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Duties and Responsibilities

Pupil representatives:

1. Attend all public Board meetings.
2. Shall be excluded from executive sessions of the Board.
3. Represent the views of the student body.
4. Suggest through appropriate channels Board agenda items.
5. Participate in Board discussions and deliberations at the discretion of the Board President.
6. Shall be excluded from sensitive and confidential discussions and communications (e.g. matters involving personnel, grievances, negotiations, litigation, real property purchase and other sensitive matters).
7. Receive all Board public agendas.
8. Perform such duties as determined by the Board President in consultation with the Superintendent.

Pupil representatives are expected to adhere to all bylaws, policies and regulations of the Board in their role. The Board in no way relinquishes any of its authority, powers, prerogatives or responsibilities but rather adds to its membership a non-voting pupil representative(s) for the mutual benefit of the Board, student body, and the school district.

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