

## Students on Governing Boards

### 1. Purpose

- A. To help the Board of Directors gain a greater insight into student activities, programs and needs.
- B. To provide an opportunity for students to have representative input into decisions made on their behalf.
- C. To assist in the development of leadership skills in youth.
- D. To help prepare students for their responsibilities as citizens of a community.

### 2. Procedures

- A. One Student Director will be interviewed and selected by a committee during their sophomore year to serve as a student representative to the Board throughout his/her senior year.
- B. Committee selecting the Student Director will be comprised of Leadership teachers, ASB Director, High School administrator, 2 or 3 students from ASB Executive Council, School Board Vice President or another School Board Director.
- C. At least one Student Director will be expected to attend each Regular Board meeting and Study Session. If neither student is able to attend, the Board President will be notified in advance of the absence. Students will be governed by the same policies governing the removal of an elected Director from office.
- D. Student Directors will serve in an advisory, non-voting capacity. As such, they will not be able to make motions, vote, hold Board offices, or attend Closed or Executive sessions unless invited by the Board President. Student Directors will be encouraged to introduce topics for the agenda and comment on relevant issues.
- E. Student Directors will sit at the Board table.
- F. The Vice President of the School Board will serve as the liaison to the Student Director. Student Directors will meet with the Vice President of the School Board, as needed, to provide for the optimal experience for the Student and the rest of the Board of Directors.
- G. The Superintendent will also serve as a liaison for the Student Directors. He/she will ensure that Student Directors are provided with necessary School Board materials and information.
- H. During a regular meeting in May, the Student Directors will be given an opportunity to evaluate their experience and advise the School Board on how this position can be utilized in the future.
- I. Student Directors will organize and lead one annual high school forum to discuss a topic of importance to the District.
- J. Student Directors will be given the opportunity to attend the WSSDA conference with a chaperone, if they choose.
- K. Student Directors will be provided with an orientation handbook including Student Director Responsibilities and Board Operating Procedures.
- L. Student Directors will be given an opportunity to inform the high school student body about Board meeting topics and issues of importance. Announcements, class visits, and school newsletters may be utilized to improve representation and foster effective communication between the students and the School Board.

- M. Student Directors will be given an opportunity to visit each school in the District, and report to the School Board during a regular meeting. Student Directors may meet with elementary student councils, or student leaders to discuss student issues, and represent Board topics.

3. Selection Process

- A. Students will be interviewed and selected by the Selection Committee as described above in Procedures A.
- B. Student Directors will begin their term at the first meeting following the start of school, and complete their term the last meeting in May.

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