

Bylaws of the Board

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Purpose

The purpose of this position is to improve communication between the Board of Trustees and students opinion; to strengthen the democratic processes within the district; to increase responsibilities carried by students; and to improve the opportunity for participation in the decision-making process by young people.

Representation

One Student Board Member is selected from a district high school to represent all schools within the district as a member on the Board of Trustees.

Selection

One high school student shall be appointed by the Superintendent with assistance from the current student board member and high school principal(s) to serve as the Student Board Member to the Board of Trustees. All high school students at all high schools including charter schools authorized by the District are eligible to apply for the position of Student Trustee.

The Student Board Member candidate may self-nominate or be nominated by another. The candidate must be a current Sophomore or Junior in good standing (a Junior/Senior for the year of service).

Functions

In matters requiring the Board's consideration, the student representative shall provide advice in areas of district pupil concern. The Student Board Member will not participate in personnel items, executive closed sessions, and certain other areas not appropriate to pupil determination. The Student Board Member shall participate in school board meetings in the following manner:

The Student Board Member may cast preferential votes and have the power to motion and second. A preferential vote is a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in the minutes and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote.

Term of Office

The Student Board Member shall serve a one-year term from the month of July through the month of June, as follows: Regular attendance is expected during the months of September through May. Attendance is optional during the months of June, July and August.

Vacancy

If the position of Student Board Member becomes vacant, another student Board member shall be appointed following the selection process noted above.

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Requirements of Position

The Student Board Member shall:

1. Attend all regular Board meetings, except Closed Session;
2. Have permission of his/her parents/guardian to serve the one-year term;
3. Receive a Board Agenda and supporting information and be prepared to discuss items of pupil interest and concern;
4. Have the time and willingness to share with students, information on Board meetings and return student input as necessary;
5. Be compensated for his/her year-long service to the Board and students of the district through a \$500.00 scholarship to be awarded upon graduation from high school and verification of attendance in a college or university program.

Status

The student board member will not be liable or responsible for actions taken by the Board of Trustees.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 Appointment of student members to State Board of Education

35012 Board members; number, election and terms; pupil members

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Meeting and Negotiating in Public Educational Employment