

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 secondary students [OR: interested secondary students] with a form for application for appointment as a student representative to the School Board.
- B. Students should submit the application to the school office by the third Friday in May, accompanied by peer and adult references.
- C. A selection committee will review applications and determine an interview schedule. The selection committee will be a combination of a building administrator, teacher, peer, school board member and sitting student representatives who have not applied to serve for another term.
- D. The selection committee will interview candidates and select up to two students to serve as student representatives on a two year rotational period to always have one junior and one senior. Selection should be completed by the first meeting in July. Terms for student representatives begin July 1 and end June 30 of the next year. The Board shall act on appointments for the next term at the earliest possible subsequent meeting. Should a vacancy occur prior to the conclusion of the term another student may be appointed in accordance with established procedures to complete the 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 student representative via Google Drive by the Friday afternoon prior to the regular board meeting. Students are responsible for 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 RSU 29.
- 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 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 will 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 Extra Curricular eligibility requirements apply.

- M. Student representatives may only participate in negotiations with a bargaining unit within RSU 29 pending approval of both negotiating parties. Student representatives may not participate in negotiations or any discussion concerning the hiring, evaluation, compensation or other matters related to the employment of the Superintendent.

- N. Eligibility requirements for Student Board Members include maintaining the following standards of behavior and citizenship:
 - a. Standards of behavior and citizenship that are determined to be of high quality.
 - b. Follow the Board Code of Conduct.
 - c. Adhere to standards of membership, attendance, and decorum.
 - d. A student Board member may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Board for cause.

- O. Student Board members may be given a \$150.00 scholarship per year. This will be awarded based upon a written self-reflection and verification of attendance and participation by the Board chair at the conclusion of the school year.

Cross Reference: BBBAA-Student Representatives to the School Committee
 BCA-School Committee Member Code of Ethics

First Reading: January 7, 2013
Adopted: February 4, 2013

**RSU 29 SCHOOL BOARD
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please respond to the following questions (*use the back of the form if needed*):

1. Why would you like to be a student representative for RSU 29?

2. What do you expect to get from this experience?

3. Who will you be representing?

Please attach at least **one peer reference** and **one adult reference** to this application and return to your school office secretary by the third Friday in May.

I understand that being a non-voting member of the RSU 29 School Board is a commitment of one meeting per month. Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month from 6:00p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m. The membership term is for one year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30. My role as a board member will be to represent the students attending RSU 29 schools and seek their input as the board deals with issues that pertain to students. I will also report back to the students what has transpired at the various board meetings.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

If selected as one of the finalists, the candidate will be called for an interview with a subcommittee of the School Board.

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