

299 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

I. PURPOSE

The school board recognizes its responsibility to develop educational policies that reflect the concerns of its constituency and the interests of students. A student representative on the school board provides a mechanism whereby the views, needs, and recommendations of students can be carefully considered in the development of policies and programs. Student representation on the school board is authorized in accordance with this policy.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Selection

A student representative shall be selected from the student body of the Belle Plaine High School to serve on the school board. This student representative will provide student views and suggestions in regard to the development of educational policies and programs and will serve as an advisor to the school board.

B. Eligibility

The person selected from the student body shall be a member of the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade classes during the selection period.

C. Term

The student representative shall serve for one calendar year beginning in January with the Organizational Meeting and ending on December 31st of the same year.

D. Election

The superintendent and high school principal shall establish the date and method for selection within the guidelines of this regulation and submit the name of the appointee to the school board.

E. Duties

1. The student representative shall attend all school board meetings and provide perspective, from the student point of view, to school board deliberations.
2. If the selected student representative is unable to attend a meeting, the High School Student Council President shall serve as a temporary substitute if requested.
3. The student representative will prepare for school board meetings by becoming familiar with agenda items and attached materials received prior to each school board meeting.
4. The student representative shall participate in the regular school board orientation and any other in-servicing activities deemed appropriate by the Superintendent and/or Board Chair.
5. The student representative shall attend applicable trainings and workshops as determined and recommended by the Superintendent and/or Board Chair. Transportation and applicable expenses will be paid for by the district.
6. The student representative shall abide by the school board's policies, rules of parliamentary procedure, and processes.

F. Limitations

1. The student representative shall not vote on issues before the school board.
2. The student representative shall not receive compensation for serving on the school board.
3. The student representative shall not be furnished or exposed to material and will not participate in discussions pertaining to the following:
 - a. personnel matters or private personnel data;
 - b. negotiation materials;
 - c. land acquisition or sale information;
 - d. items covered by the attorney-client privilege;
 - e. private student data, including student discipline information.

Legal References:

Cross References: