

## Bylaws of the Board

### Student Representation on Board of Education

It is the policy of the New Fairfield Board of Education to appoint a maximum of two students attending New Fairfield High School to be nonvoting members of the Board of Education at its public bimonthly meetings. During such meetings, the opinions of the students ~~will~~ **may** be solicited in order to provide added perspective to the Board of Education's decision making process.

Student representatives will not attend executive sessions of the Board of Education.

### Selection Criteria and Processes

- Student representatives will be a member of either the Junior Class or Senior Class.
- ~~Student representatives will be members of the high school's student council or student senate~~
- Student representatives will maintain a cumulative grade average of "B" or better and will be current in meeting all academic and related responsibilities.
- Student representatives will have a record of exemplary school comportment; they have not and will not engage in behavior that results in suspension from school. ~~or Saturday Detention.~~
- Student representatives will have excellent ability to express themselves.
- **Students applying as Board of Education Representatives shall demonstrate a history of student leadership and student engagement. Student applicants must possess both the willingness and ability to share Board of Education information with the high school student body, and collect student feedback on behalf of the board.**
- Students who wish to be representatives on the Board of Education will be required to submit an essay no longer than 500 words explaining their interest in and qualifications for the position **to the high school principal.**
- The student essays will be evaluated by a selection committee of four educators representing the four schools in the district. The principal of each school will choose an individual who will represent his or her school on the committee; a principal may choose to be the representative of his or her school.
- Using the criteria of cumulative grade average, punctuality in meeting academic and related responsibilities, ability to express oneself, and quality of essay, members of the selection committee will choose the most qualified students to be interviewed by the committee. During the interview, the students will be given the opportunity to express in person their interest in and qualifications for the position.
- From the most qualified students interviewed, two students will be chosen by the selection committee and recommended to the Superintendent of Schools.

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### Student Representation on Board of Education (continued)

#### General Conditions

- Student representatives will attend the majority of regular bimonthly meetings of the Board of Education. When academic responsibilities preclude attendance at a regular bimonthly meeting, the representatives must inform, in advance of the meeting, the Principal of the high school or the Superintendent of Schools.
- Student representatives will not be required to attend the bimonthly meetings of the Board of Education during the months of January and June because of their responsibilities, in preparing for mid-term and final examinations.
- Student representatives will be permitted to sit with members of the Board of Education during the regular bimonthly meetings.
- Student representatives will be permitted to express their opinions pertaining to any item on the agenda of bimonthly meetings and about any motion made by the Board of Education during such meetings.
- Student representatives will be permitted to receive copies of all agenda for regular bimonthly meetings and other information deemed appropriate by the Board of Education.
- Student representatives will report and explain to the New Fairfield High School **student body via the Student Council, Student Senate, or other appropriate means** the actions taken by the Board of Education during meetings at which the representatives were present.
- ~~Student representatives will serve in their position for no more than one school year.~~
- **Student representatives may apply to serve for a second year. two years.**
- Student representatives may be removed from their position by ~~a majority vote of the Board of Education.~~ the high school principal in consultation with the Superintendent.
- Only those privileges listed above are extended to the student representatives and any other privileges that might be deemed appropriate by the Board of Education.

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