

Regional School Unit 73 Board of Directors	CODE: JIBB Page: 1
SUBJECT: Student Board of Directors Representative	
DATE OF ORIGINAL POLICY:	February 26, 2007
DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	2017
CANCELS POLICY CODE:	None
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JURISDICTION:	RSU 73 Schools

SCOPE OF POSITION:

The Student Board Representative shall represent the student body of RSU 73 to the Board and the community. The Student Board Representative shall work to increase the engagement and involvement of the student body in the educational affairs of RSU 73. The Student Board Representative must agree to be held to the same high ethical standards and obligations of the elected Board Members. The Student Board Representative shall be entitled to all the rights, responsibilities, duties and privileges of an elected Board Member with the following exceptions:

1. The Student Board Representative shall not have an official vote in Board matters, but shall be entitled to an unofficial vote recorded in the minutes.
2. The Student Board Representative shall not be involved in, have an unofficial vote on, or receive materials pertaining to personnel, student discipline or legal matters.
3. The Student Board Representative shall not participate in or attend Executive Sessions.
4. The Student Board Representative shall not be held responsible for representing constituencies aside from the student body.
5. One-half high school credit will be awarded for each year of successful service on the Board, which includes attending a minimum of 10 meetings.

ELIGIBILITY AND TERM:

The Student Board Representative must reside in Jay, Livermore or Livermore Falls, Maine and shall be a regularly attending student of Spruce Mountain High School from the first day of the school year in which they apply. The student member must have a 3.0 grade point average at the time of the selection process to be an eligible candidate and must maintain a 3.0 grade point average during their tenure in this position. One student member will be selected in the spring of each school year. The student will be in their sophomore year of high school and will serve for two (2) consecutive years during their junior and senior school years. As a senior, the student member will act as a mentor to the newly elected junior student member. The term of each Student Board Representative begins during his or her sophomore school year after the vote of the Board at the May Board meeting and continues through the May Board meeting of his or her senior year. The student appointed at the May meeting will be provided orientation and training. He or she will officially participate as the Student Representative at the June regular Board Meeting.

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EXCEPTIONS TO ELIBILITY AND TERMS DURING THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR:

During the spring of school year 2011-2012 two (2) Student Board Representatives will be selected from each high school campus. Two sophomore students will be selected for a two (2) year term, serving during their junior and senior years in school. The second students selected will be two juniors. They will serve during their senior year for a one (1) year term. The announcement of the student selections will be made at the regular School Board meeting in April. The selected students will participate in an orientation and will officially begin their tenure on the Board at the May regular Board Meeting.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Attend all Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board for a period of two years.
2. The senior students will act as a mentor to the junior students on board policies, procedures and responsibilities.
3. Participate in all discussions of the Board at Regular Board Meetings. The student members shall receive all of the same materials as any other Board Member except confidential and personnel disciplinary materials. The student representatives shall be prepared to comment from a student's perspective on every issue before the Board. According to Maine State Statute only elected Board Members shall participate in the Board's official votes.
4. Provide a brief report during each Board meeting. This report may include, but is not limited to, information regarding student activities, student educational priorities, student concerns, and requests from student and student councils.
5. Serve on Board sub-committees as assigned by Board Chair.
6. Serve as an ambassador for the Board to community organizations.
7. Attendance requirements shall be governed by the rules for regular Board service.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Student Board Representative shall be selected by the following procedure:

1. Prior to the May Board meeting the Superintendent of Schools and current Student Board Representative shall organize and facilitate the selection of a sophomore student to serve as the Student Board Representative for the subsequent two (2) school years.
2. Teachers, parents, and students at Spruce Mountain High School will be notified of the selection process and encouraged to nominate potential candidates. Candidates can be nominated by any teacher, parent, student or self-nominated.
3. The Superintendent of Schools and current Board members will host an informal meeting at Spruce Mountain High School for all sophomore students to discuss roles and responsibilities of this position and to encourage potential candidates.

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4. Candidates must complete the Student Board Representative application and submit it to the Superintendent of Schools by March 30th. Applications will be available at Spruce Mountain High School and the Central Office. Applications may be turned in directly to the office of the Superintendent of Schools or to the principal's office.
5. The applicant's parent or legal guardian must sign the application.
6. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal or counselor must accompany the application.
7. The Superintendent of Schools will verify grade point averages of all applicants.
8. The elected Board will convene an Executive Session to discuss the applicants. The interview process for the Student Board Representative will be conducted in Executive Session with the current elected Board members present. Once interviews are completed, student names will be brought forward to the student body for voting.
9. The newly selected Student Board Representative will be officially installed to the Board at the May Board meeting.

PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF CANDIDATE:

- Enthusiasm and motivation for the experience and challenge of the position.
- Experience in student leadership and/or community service.
- Commitment to the duties and length of term of the position.
- Public speaking skills that demonstrate the student's confidence and competence in front of an audience.
- Writing skills that demonstrate the student's confidence and competence in writing succinctly.
- Readiness to serve as independent and self-directed as possible.
- Ability to function as part of a collaborative team.
- Broad prospective and the willingness to represent the entire student body.

REPLACEMENT OF STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

In the event that a Student Board Representative is unable to fulfill the obligations of the position for any reason the Board will direct the Superintendent of Schools to initiate a special selection process for a replacement.

Adopted: February 23, 2012