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**POLICY: Student Board of Directors Representative**

**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 personnel, student discipline or lawsuits against the district.
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 constituents aside from the student body.
5. One-half high school credit shall be awarded to a Student Board Representative for each year of successful service on the Board, attending a minimum of ten meetings.

**Eligibility and Term:**

The Student Board Representative must 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 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 year of high school 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 Board Representative at the June regular Board Meeting.

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**Essential Job Functions:**

1. Attend all regular meetings of the Board for a period of two years, unless appointed as a senior, in which case will be a period of one year.
2. Senior students will act as a mentor to the junior student on board policies, procedures, and responsibilities. In the event of two seniors serving as Student Board Representatives, the student who has held the position longer will provide mentorship.
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 students' perspective on every issue before the Board and shall participate in the Board's official votes as an unofficial voter.
4. Solicit student input for matters pending before the Board and work with Student Council.
5. 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.
6. Serve on the Board sub-committees as assigned by the Board Chair.
7. Serve as an ambassador for the Board to community organizations.
8. Attendance requirements shall be governed by the rules for regular Board service.
9. Participate in the selection process of new Student Board Representatives.

**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 School Board Representative shall organize and facilitate the selection of a sophomore student to serve as the Student Board Representative for the subsequent two 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 can be 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.
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, the Central Office, and online. Applications may be turned in directly to the office of the Superintendent of School's 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 for all applicants.

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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 an 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 Candidates:**

- 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.
- Board perspective and 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, or a sophomore was not selected the previous year, the Board will direct the Superintendent of Schools to initiate a special election process for a replacement.

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