

Series 9000 - Bylaws of the Board

1. Organization

F. Student Representatives on the Suffield Board of Education

The Board of Education supports the addition of two high school students to the Board in a non-voting capacity in order to further open communication with the student body, give students a more impactful voice in the decision making process of the Board, and build leadership skills for those chosen as student representatives.

The following procedures will be observed for seating the student representatives:

- 1) Student representatives will include one member of the junior class and one member of the senior class.
- 2) Students shall submit a letter of intent detailing their desire to serve in the position.
- 3) Students will be chosen by a panel which may include the following: the Superintendent or his/her designee, the high school principal or his/her designee, a teacher, an administrative assistant, a Board member, and additional participants as deemed appropriate.
- 4) The term of office shall be for one year; however, if re-appointed by the panel, it is expected that the junior representative will serve for two school years.
- 5) The Superintendent or his/her designee shall orient the student representatives to their roles and responsibilities.
- 6) Student representatives are expected to maintain good standing with the school and its Student Handbook Code of Conduct. Failure to comply will be addressed by school administration and may result in removal from the position.
- 7) A student representative shall:
 - a) Attend and participate in a minimum of one regular meeting of the Board per month.
 - b) Prepare and present appropriate school updates to the Board.
 - c) Be able to speak on any issue on the agenda during regular meetings.
 - d) Be able to recommend discussion/action items to the Board Chair prior to a meeting for potential consideration by the Board.
 - e) Receive copies of all regular meeting agendas, minutes and other pertinent publications when made available to Board members, excluding materials related to executive sessions.
 - f) Report back to the student body via the student organization regarding deliberations and actions of the Board.
- 8) A student representative shall not:
 - a) Be able to cast an official vote on any motion or resolution.
 - b) Be allowed to attend executive sessions or labor negotiation sessions.
- 9) Only those privileges and powers enumerated previously shall be regarded specifically as such; any and all powers and privileges that might be deemed appropriate for the student representative shall be decided upon by the Board.