

## Blairsville-Saltsburg School District

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<b>Section:</b>	<b>000 School Board</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Student School Board Representatives</b>
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### # Student School Board Representatives

#### 1. **Purpose**

The Board of Directors recognizes that the students attending the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District are the most important concern of the District. The Board establishes the position of Student School Board Representative for the purpose of forming a communications link between itself and the students, to have the students' viewpoints and concerns presented, and to provide a learning experience for students.

#### 2. **Authority**

In order to achieve the above purpose, the Board will appoint four student representatives to serve as non-voting members to the Board. Two representatives, one Junior and one Senior will be members of the student body at the Blairsville High School and two, one Junior and one Senior, will be members of the student body at the Saltsburg Junior/Senior High School. The Board will also appoint two alternates, juniors, one from Blairsville High School and one from Saltsburg Junior/Senior High School.

The Student School Board Representatives will not be included in confidential discussions related to matters of any executive sessions or disciplinary actions. when such matters are considered, the Student School Board Representatives will be excused from the proceedings.

The Board shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of the Student School Board Representative program and make recommendations for improvement or continuance.

#### 3. **Guidelines**

The Representatives must have and continue to maintain a 2.0 or above grade point average. Student School Board Representatives are also expected to maintain an exemplary deportment record.

Student School Board Representatives elected by their student council peers and then appointed by the School Board must be sophomores who will serve a two-year term during their junior and senior years of school.

Student School Board Representatives shall agree to uphold the following responsibilities:

- a. Attend school board meetings normally scheduled for the second and third Mondays of the month.
- b. Serve on assigned committees as deemed appropriate by the Board.
- c. Attend student orientation programs for student representatives to the Board.
- d. Present a brief monthly report to the Board and actively participate in Board discussions.
- e. Seek and share input from the student body and Student Council. Provide feedback on the outcome of Board meetings to the Student Council for report to the full student body.

**4. Procedures for Election of Student School Board Representatives**

- I. Eligibility: Any elected student council representative of the sophomore class. Students must maintain a gpa of at least 2.0 and have an exemplary department record.
- II. Election Procedures
  - A. Eligible candidates must submit a petition to the student council bearing the signatures of fifteen (15) members of each of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the high school. Petitions will also include reasons for seeking the position.
  - B. Candidates must meet with the Student Council Advisor and the High School Principal to review the responsibilities of the positions.
  - C. Candidates must provide a 2-3 minutes presentation to the other members of the Student Council, to make them aware of the reasons for the candidate's interest in the positions.
  - D. Members of the Student Council will elect the Student School Board Representatives from their building by secret ballot.
  - E. The sophomore candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will serve as the Alternate Representative.

- F. Election is to be held in May of each year at the Student Council's regular meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose of electing Student School Board Representatives.

### III. Procedures for Evaluation/Replacement of Student Representatives

- A. Any student school board representative who receives a mid-nine-week referral for poor academic performance, stands in jeopardy of losing his/her appointment to the Board. The student must end the nine-week period with at least a 2.00 g.p.a. If the student's g.p.a. falls below this standard, the Building Principal will notify the Board. Under this set of circumstances the student will lose his seat on the Board, and will be replaced by the alternate representative.
- B. If a student representative's department record is ever judged to be less than exemplary, the Building Principal will notify the Board. Under this set of circumstances, the student will lose his/her seat on the Board and will be replaced by the alternate representative.
- C. If a student representative fails to attend three regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Board, then he/she stands in jeopardy of losing his/her board seat, based upon the determination of the Board.
- D. A student representative may lose his/her seat on the Board, if the regular board members determine that the student representative is not appropriately representing the student body.

### IV. Responsibilities

- A. Attend all scheduled school board meetings.
- B. Present a monthly report to the Board.
- C. Participate in the discussion of the Board but have no voting power
- D. Bring to the Board, through proper channels, issues for consideration.
- F. Report back to the student council on a regular basis.
- F. The Senior representative from each school will attend the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. If the Senior representative is not able to attend this meeting, the Junior representative will then be extended the opportunity to represent his/her school.

5. Responsibility

The Superintendent, in conjunction with the two building principals, will develop specific guidelines related to the election and appointment of the Student School Board Representatives.