

## **Student Representative on the Board of Education**

### **Bylaws of the Board**

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The Hamden Board of Education shall have a standing committee of Student Representatives. Said representatives shall report directly to the Chair of the Student Representative Standing Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee Chair, to bring committee matters to the full Board of Education for discussion and when appropriate, for action.

The Student Representatives will not attend executive sessions of the Board of Education nor have access to associated back-up material. Only non-confidential materials will be distributed to the Student Representatives.

The following procedures will apply to the seating of the Student Representatives on the Board of Education:

1. The selection of the Student Representatives to the Hamden Board of Education will be held by the end of the sophomore school year. In order to be selected for this office, students must be juniors for the initial term of service. In addition, candidates must: meet academic eligibility for co-curricular activities; acquire at least 20 signatures from members of the school community indicating support of candidacy; and receive written permission from the high school principal or his/her designee as well as the Superintendent. The high school principal and Superintendent shall not limit the number of applicants that meet the eligibility as defined above.
2. After the students have been selected by the Board, they will attend an orientation session presented by the Superintendent of Schools or designee and, whenever possible, a Board of Education member.
3. The Student Representatives should be present at each regular meeting of the Board of Education. If this is not possible, the students must advise the Principal of Hamden High School and the Superintendent's office in advance of the meeting.
4. The Board of Education reserves the right to dismiss the Student Representative due to poor attendance and/or behavior; this shall result in a new selection for the academic year in which said removal occurs.
5. The Student Representative will report to the student body on the deliberations of the Board of Education through the respective class president, via daily morning announcements when appropriate, and by postings on the school's website.
6. The Student Representative should be available for attendance at Board of Education meetings effective immediately.

7. The term of office for the Student Representative shall be two school years in duration, beginning from the date they take office. Initial selection shall be (1) senior to serve a one year term and 1 junior, with subsequent selections occurring at the end of the sophomore year.

**Privileges and Responsibilities:**

1. The student members shall be able to attend and sit on all meetings of the Board of Education.
2. During said meetings, the student members shall be able to speak on any information or action item on the agenda or on any motion before the Board.
3. Copies of all regular meeting agendas, minutes and other pertinent publications, shall be given to the student members when they are made available to the Board members.

**Prohibitions on the Student Representatives:**

1. The student members shall not be able to cast an official vote on any motion or resolution.
2. The student members shall not be allowed to attend executive sessions and negotiation sessions.
3. All other powers and privileges that might be deemed appropriate for the Student Representative shall be decided upon by the Chairman and/or members of the Board of Education.

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