

Lowell School District 71

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Student Representative to the Board

The Board believes that engaging the student body and seeking its input and feedback regarding the district's educational programs and activities are vital to achieving the district's mission of educating district students. To enhance communication between the Board and the student body and to encourage student involvement in district affairs, the Board shall include at least one student Board member selected by the district's high school students in accordance with procedures approved by the Board.

The term of a student Board member shall be one year, commencing on July 1 of each year. A student Board member shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed (executive) sessions.

A student Board member shall be seated with other members of the Board. In addition, a student Board member shall be recognized at Board meetings as a full member, shall receive all materials presented to other Board members except those related to closed sessions, and may participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues.

A student Board member may cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential votes shall be cast prior to the official Board vote and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. Preferential votes shall be recorded in the Board minutes.

A student Board member may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations and to student discipline.

A student Board member shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the Board.

Student Board Member Development

As necessary, the superintendent or designee may, at the district's expense, provide learning opportunities to student Board members, through trainings, workshops and conferences, to enhance their knowledge, understanding and performance of their Board responsibilities.

The superintendent or designee may periodically provide an orientation for student Board members to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of Board service.

Student Board Member Election/Selection

The student Board member shall be appointed by the students of Lowell High School. The student Board member must be a senior by the year they are to take office and must meet the requirements of those running for student body president. The student Board member must have at least a 3.0 grade point average. The GPA will be computed from the third quarter grades.

Removal and/or Vacancy

The student Board member may be removed from office upon request of the Board or for conduct deemed inappropriate or in violation of school conduct codes of any Constitutional Amendment, statute, law or by-law of the Associated Student Body.

If, for any reason, the student Board member position becomes vacant before December 1, another student Board member shall be elected to take office at the beginning of the second semester. If the vacancy occurs after December 1, the student body president shall act as student Board member for the remaining term of office with the approval of the principal.

Board Materials/Information

The superintendent or designee's office shall provide the student Board member with full and complete agendas and copies of any materials received by the Board except those materials covered in closed session and any other confidential materials.

Student Board Member Preparation

The student Board member elect shall be coached by the principal on Board procedures and parliamentary procedure before taking office July 1. The principal shall serve as a mentor for the student Board member in acquiring the student body's opinion on issues, presenting information and assisting the student Board member in fulfilling his/her duties.

Student Board Member Scholarship

At the close of their term of office, each student Board member will be provided a \$500 academic scholarship to the school of their choice, subject to approval of the Board chair and the superintendent.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)