

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

A. General Policy

The Board will have at least one student school board member from Somersworth High School attend regular meetings of the board. The Board recognizes that the responsibilities of the student-member may be shared by more than one student but that one student school board member will attend regular meetings of the board as determined by the Board.

Student school board members (“Student-members”) will not have the right to vote and will be excluded from all non-public sessions the Board enters.

B. Election and Term of Student School Board-Members

1. Student-members will serve a one-year term starting at the beginning of each school year.
2. Student-members will be chosen by a majority vote of the high school student body under procedures for nomination and election established by the student government of the high school.
3. If no student-member is produced in B.2., student-member(s) may be appointed by the building administration.

C. Responsibilities of Student Government

The student government of the high school shall establish procedures for:

1. The nomination and election of student-member candidates;
2. Any public high school student in the school district to petition the student-member to present proposals and opinions to the Board;
3. Filling any vacancy that may occur in the student-member position from that school.

D. Student-Member Expectations

Under RSA 194:23-f, IV, student-members are expected to:

1. Attend all school board meetings, as practicable;
2. Represent all high school students within the district;
3. Present to the school board specific proposals and ideas from the high school student body, when applicable, per the procedure in C.2.;
4. Serve as a liaison between students, district staff, and the board;
5. Keep the student body informed of board business and actions; and comply with all board policies relative to students and board members, when applicable.

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E. Oversight

The Superintendent shall assure that the building administration will communicate with the student-member(s) so that the student-member(s) is aware of the expectations of Section D above and are able to fulfill them.

Legal References:

RSA 189:1-c, School Board Student Member

RSA 194:23-f, High School Student as a Board Member

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