

Student Representation to the Board of Education

The Waterbury Board of Education recognizes the importance of maintaining open communication with the student body. In an effort to improve this communication, the Board supports the appointment of students to serve in a non-voting capacity to the Waterbury Board of Education. These student representatives to the Board of Education will give students, as the clients within the educational corporation, a more effective voice in and at the decision-making level of the school system. The experience will also provide an insight to the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Education as well as student civic responsibility.

On a rotating monthly basis, two student representatives will be seated at the Board table at each public Board of Education workshop and regular meeting. Student opinion will be solicited to give an added dimension to the Board's decision-making process. The student representatives will not attend executive sessions of the Board of Education nor will they have access to associated backup material. The following procedures will be observed for the seating of the student representatives beginning in April 2019:

1. Student representatives – one (1) junior and one (1) senior will be chosen from the student council from each city high school, a total of six (6) juniors and six (6) seniors. Adjustments may be made if a junior and a senior are not available to ensure two (2) representatives from each high school.
2. Student council members who wish to serve as student representatives will interview with the Superintendent and the Board President, who will advise the Board of their choices.
3. After the students have been chosen, they will attend an orientation session prepared and delivered by the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President. Student representatives will commit to a schedule of meeting attendance at the orientation session.
4. If it is not possible for a student representative to attend his/her scheduled meeting, it is the students responsibility to contact other student representatives to arrange coverage and to notify the Clerk of the Board of the name of the representative who will attend in his/her place.
5. Student representatives will serve for one (1) school year. Students serving in their junior year may apply to serve again in their senior year.

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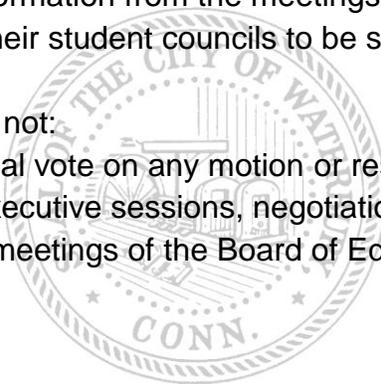
6. Student representatives to the Board may be removed/replaced at the discretion of the Superintendent and the Board President.

Student Representatives shall:

1. Provide their own transportation to and from Board meetings.
2. Be able to speak on any issue on the agenda or motion before the Board unless deemed inappropriate by the Board.
3. Receive copies of all regular meeting agendas, minutes and other pertinent publications, excluding executive session documents and associated materials, when made available to the Board members.
4. Meet amongst themselves monthly so that students attending the monthly Board meetings can share information from the meetings.
5. Report information to their student councils to be shared with the student body.

A student representative shall not:

1. Be able to cast an official vote on any motion or resolution.
2. Be allowed to attend executive sessions, negotiation sessions or personnel portions of the regular meetings of the Board of Education.



(cf. 9010 – Bylaws of the Board of Education)