

STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

It will be the policy of the Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education to seat two students from Nonnewaug High School in a non-voting capacity at all public Board meetings. Student opinion will be solicited to give an added dimension to the Board's decision making process.

The two student representatives will not attend executive sessions of the Board nor will they have access to associated material.

Procedure for the seating of the student representatives

1. The Student Council shall nominate two students to serve as representatives, subject to approval of the Principal, the Superintendent, and the Board of Education. The nominees for student representatives will be from the Junior or Senior class, with preference given to Seniors.
2. After the nominees have been approved, they will be provided with an orientation session by the Superintendent of Schools and an officer of the Board.
3. The student representatives should be available for attendance at Board meetings beginning with the start of the school year.
4. The term of office for the two representatives shall be for two school years.

Removal of student representatives

Student representatives may be removed from their position as non-voting members of the Board of Education for any (or no) reason by a two thirds vote of the Board.

Privileges and responsibilities of student representatives

A student representative shall:

1. Attend all regular meetings of the Board. At least one student representative should be present at each regular meeting of the Board. If this is not possible, the representatives must advise the Principal and the Superintendent's office in advance of the meeting. The Board may dismiss a student representative due to poor attendance and call for the selection of a new member.
2. During said meetings, be able to speak on any issue on the agenda or motion before the Board unless deemed inappropriate by the Board.
3. Be able to recommend items for the Board's consideration by giving notice of such to the Chairperson prior to a meeting.
4. Receive copies of all regular meeting agendas, minutes and other pertinent publications, excluding executive session minutes and associated materials or other privileged documents, when made available to the Board members.
5. Report on deliberations of the Board to the student body through the Student Council.

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.

Only those privileges and powers enumerated previously shall be regarded specifically as such; any and all other powers and privileges that might be deemed appropriate for the student representative shall be decided upon by the Board.