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Board Bylaw
Student Board Members

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The Shasta County Board of Education believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints and reactions to the educational program. In order to provide student input and civic involvement, the County Board shall include no more than two Student Board Members selected in accordance with procedures approved by the County Board.

Students shall be incoming Juniors or Seniors in their high schools. The term of Student Board Member(s) shall be one calendar year, commencing on July 1. A Student Board Member may serve only one term.

To avoid any potential conflicts of interest, children and grandchildren of current Board Members and Shasta County Office of Education Cabinet level managers are not eligible to apply.

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

Student Board Member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed sessions. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

All materials presented to Board Members, except those related to closed sessions, shall be presented to Student Board Member(s) at the same time they are presented to voting Board Members. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

Student Board Member(s) shall be recognized at Board meetings as full member(s), shall be seated with other members of the Board, and shall be allowed to participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board Member(s) shall be allowed to cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential voting means a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in the minutes. The preferential vote of the Student Board Member(s) shall not be included in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the County Board. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)
Student Board Member(s) may make motions that may be acted upon by the County Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. (Education Code 35012)

A Student Board Member shall not be liable for any acts of the County Board. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

Student Board Member(s) shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the County Board but shall not receive compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)
(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)

Student Board Member Development

The County Board may approve, at County Office expense, to provide learning opportunities to Student Board Member(s) through trainings, workshops, and conferences, such as those offered by the California Association of Student Councils and other organizations, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of their Board responsibilities.

(cf. 9240 - Board Training)

Elimination of Position

Once established, the Student Board Member position(s) shall continue to exist until the County Board, by majority vote of all voting Board members, approves a motion to eliminate the position(s). Such a motion shall be listed as a public agenda item for a Board meeting prior to the motion being voted upon. (Education Code 35012)

Process for Student Board Member Appointments

Each spring the County Board will review the process for soliciting Student Board Member applications and making appointments for the next school year. Following this review, the County Superintendent's Office will disseminate and collect applications for Student Board Member(s). The County Board will review applications and select candidates to interview.

At the interview, the County Board will ask each candidate a prepared list of questions. All candidates will be asked the same questions. The questions will be rotated so that each candidate has an opportunity to answer at least one question first.

After the questioning, the Board will discuss the candidates before voting. Candidates will be
notified that the discussion may be uncomfortable for them and that they may leave if they'd like, but they are not required to leave. If they do leave, they will be contacted as soon as possible with the outcome of the interviews.

Following deliberations, each County Board Member will note their top candidate on a ranking sheet. The ranking sheets will be forwarded to the County Board Secretary to tally the votes and announce the candidate with the most votes.

If the County Board chooses to appoint two Student Board Members, each will complete a second ranking sheet noting their second top candidate. The ranking sheets will be forwarded to the County Board Secretary to tally the votes and announce the candidate with the most votes.

If a vote ends in a tie, Board Members will have the opportunity to verbally advocate for their top candidate. They will then complete another ranking sheet noting their top candidate. The ranking sheets will be forwarded to the County Board Secretary to tally the votes and announce the candidate with the most votes.

If no one candidate has more points causing a second tie, the candidate will be determined by lot.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
33000.5 Appointment of student member to State Board of Education
35012 Board members; number, election and terms; student members
35160 Authority of governing boards
GOVERNMENT CODE
3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Association of Student Councils: http://www.casc.net
California Association of Student Leaders: http://www.caslboard.com
National School Boards Association: http://www.nsba.org

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