

LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy 1121

STUDENT LIAISONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education believes that it is important to include students' voices in its deliberations and, therefore, supports the appointment of an ex officio student member from each High School to the Board of Education for the purpose of providing regular and direct communication between the Board of Education and the student body.

Good faith actions, mutual respect, and cooperative effort of all parties are essential to a positive and meaningful partnership and bringing about meaningful changes. The Board of Education believes that ex officio student members will:

1. provide students with an opportunity to express their voices, take ownership of their education, and impact Board of Education decisions;
2. provide for the Board of Education and students a vehicle through which they may exchange information and learn from one another;
3. provide an opportunity for a student to gain experience with governance and leadership;
4. broaden the base of information available to those ultimately responsible for educational decision making; and
5. develop an environment that encourages inclusion, understanding, trust, and respect.

Establishment of the Position of Ex Officio Student Members of the Board of Education

The ex officio student members will be entitled to sit with Board of Education members at all public meetings of the Board, participate in all Board public hearings and meetings, but will not be required to participate in mandatory training for elected or appointed Board of Education members.

The ex officio student members will not: be allowed to vote; be allowed to attend executive sessions; or be entitled to receive compensation of any form for participating at Board of Education meetings. Neither will they have the authority to call a special and/or emergency meeting of the Board of Education; be considered a "member" of the Board for the purpose of establishing a quorum for conducting business; or be allowed to see or discuss documents or information regarding individual district personnel, collective bargaining negotiations, individual student records, or any other confidential matters.

The ex officio student members will serve for a term of one (1) year, commencing on July 1 and ending on the succeeding June 30. Attendance at Board of Education meetings will not be expected for ex officio student members during July and August.

Selection of Ex Officio Student Members of the Board

Students eligible for ex officio student representative membership shall be a current member of the sophomore, junior, or senior class and shall have attended the high school for at least one year prior to appointment. The High School principal will determine the method by which the student members will be selected to represent their high school. This may be by student election or by appointment.

If an appointed ex officio student member resigns the position, is removed, or is no longer able to serve, a new ex officio student member will be appointed in accordance with this policy, unless

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the Board determines there is not enough time to make the appointment before the school year ends.

The Superintendent of Schools will establish regulations to implement this policy.

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