Board Bylaws

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STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

The Governing Board believes that engaging in student body and seeking its input and feed back regarding the district's educational programs and activities are vital to achieving the district's mission of educating students. To In order Tto enhance communication and collaboration between the Governing Board and the student body and to encourage student involvement the district's affairs, teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board shall include at least one student Board member selected by the district's high school students in accordance with procedures approved by the Board supports the participation of high school students in district governance.

A student Board member shall be seated with other members of the Board. In addition, a student Board member shall be recognized at Board meetings as a full member, shall receive all materials presented to other Board members except those related to closed sessions, and may participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues. (Education code 35012)

(cf. 9322 Agenda Meeting Materials)

A student Board member may cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential votes shall be cast prior to the official Board vote and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. Preferential votes shall be recorded in the Board Minutes (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9324 Minutes and Recordings)

A student Board member may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. (Education Code 35012)

A student Board member shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the 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)

Petition

High school students may submit a petition to the Board requesting the appointment of at least one student Board member (Education Code 35012)

To qualify for Board consideration, the petition for student representation shall contain the signatures of no less than 500 regularly enrolled high school students or no less than 10 percent

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of the number of regularly enrolled high school students, whichever is less. (Education Code 35012)

Within 60 days of receiving a student petition, or at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting if no meeting is held within those 60 days, the Board shall order the inclusion of $\frac{1}{4}$ at least one student member on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Selection Election of Student Board Member

Student Board member positions shall be filled by a vote of students enrolled in the high school(s) in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Board. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities) (cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement) (cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

The term of student Board member(s) shall be one year, commencing on July 1. (Education Code 35012)

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

Student Board member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed (executive) 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 members at the same time they are presented to voting Board members. Student Board member(s) shall also be invited to attend staff briefings or be provided with a separate staff briefing within the same timeframe as the briefing of other 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 and cast before the official vote of the Board. Preferential votes shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. (Education Code 35012)

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(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)

Student Board member(s) may make motions that may be acted upon by the 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 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 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

As necessary, tThe Superintendent or designee shall may, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to student Board members, through trainings, workshops, and conferences, such as those offered by the California School Boards Association and other organizations, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of their Board responsibilities.

(cf. 9240 - Board Training)

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide an orientation for student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of Board service.

Elimination of Position

Once established, the student Board member position shall continue to exist until the Board, by majority vote of all voting Board members, approves a motion to eliminate the position. 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)

Legal Reference:

<u>EDUCATION CODE</u> 33000.5 Appointment of student member to State Board of Education 35012 Board members; number, election and terms; student members

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Legal Reference: (continued)

35160 Authority of governing boards <u>GOVERNMENT CODE</u> 3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

Management Resources:

<u>WEB SITES</u> 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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