Twin Rivers USD

Board Bylaw
Student Board Members

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Board Bylaws

~~The Board of Trustees believes,~~ **In order** to enhance communication between the Board **of Trustees** and the student body~~, it is important to seek out and consider student's ideas, viewpoints~~ and ~~reactions~~ to **engage students in** the district's educational programs and operations~~. Therefore,~~ the Board encourages the involvement of high school students in district governance**. The inclusion of one or more student representatives on the Board shall be ordered upon receipt of a student petition in accordance with Education Code 35012 or may be ordered at any time at the discretion of the Board.**

Petition

High school students may submit a petition to the Board requesting the appointment of at least one student Board member. This petition, or a separate petition submitted after students have been appointed to the Board, also may include a request to allow preferential voting for student Board members. (Education Code 35012)

Preferential voting means a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in the minutes and cast before the official vote of the Board. (Education Code 35012)

To be eligible for consideration by the Board, the petition for student representation or the petition for preferential voting shall contain the signatures of no less than 500 regularly enrolled high school students, or no less than 10 percent 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 a student member on the Board or shall act to allow preferential voting for the student Board member, as applicable. (Education Code 35012)

Once established, the student Board member position shall remain in effect until the Board, by majority vote of all voting Board members, approves a motion to eliminate the position. (Education Code 35012)

Selection of Student Board Member

~~Student Board members are by motion of the Board. The Board shall include one or more student Board members enrolled in the high school of the district.~~

The Student Board member shall be elected by the students enrolled in the high school or high schools ~~of the district~~ in accordance with procedures approved by the Board ~~prior to the appointment of a student Board member~~.   (Education Code 35012)

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

Student Board member election by the student body for the upcoming school year shall be annually during the month of May.

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

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

A student Board member shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed **(executive)** sessions.   (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

A student Board member shall be ~~seated with regular Board members and be~~ recognized at **Board** meetings as a full member **and shall be seated with other members of the Board**.   **In addition, a** ~~The~~ student Board ~~member has the right to speak at every meeting, to sit with the other members during regular meetings, to give opinions regarding any issue, and to~~ **shall** receive all ~~mail which~~ **materials presented to** other Board members ~~receive~~ except those related to closed sessions ~~or confidential matters~~, he/she may participate in questioning **presentations witnesses** and discussing issues.   (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

When a student petition has requested preferential voting rights for student Board members or when the Board has granted preferential voting rights, a student Board member may cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion.   Preferential votes shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. (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)

~~Student Board members may cast a vote on any item of interest, excluding matters related to employee-employer relations. The vote is recorded in the Board minutes. The vote does not~~

~~count toward any total. The vote is a very strong indication of how the students feel and have felt about issues throughout the years.   (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 Development

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to student Board members, through trainings, workshops, and conferences, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of their Board responsibilities.

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.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
33000.5   Appointment of student members to State Board of Education
35012   Board members; number, election and terms; student members
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