

SUBJECT: EX-OFFICIO STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Education Law expressly allows union free, central, central high school and small city school districts to have a high school student serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the school board of education providing that district voters approved having a student serve in that capacity. At the Annual Meeting of May 18, 2021, the South Huntington UFSD voters approved the proposition for an ex-officio student member to serve on the District's Board of Education. The District must offer this option once every two years in accordance with Education Law as a separate referendum to decide whether the district shall allow a student to serve in this capacity.

The ex-officio student member of the board shall be entitled to sit with the board members at all public meetings of the board and participate in all public board hearings and meetings.

The ex-officio student member of the board shall not be allowed to vote, shall not be allowed to attend executive sessions, and shall not be entitled to receive compensation of any form for participating at board meetings.

Selection Process

The ex-officio student member of the board shall be a senior at Walt Whitman High School with attendance at Walt Whitman High School for at least two years prior to the selection.

The high school principal or his/her designee will chair a committee of at least an additional building administrator, student government or senior class advisor, and the Dean of Students to review the following criteria for recommending a candidate to the Superintendent for presentation to the Board of Education for approval. Items to be considered are, but not limited to, the following:

- Student's Statement of Interest
- Student's Report Cards
- Student's Activities
- Student's Attendance
- Student's Discipline Record

Upon further review, the high school principal will make the recommendation to the Superintendent.

Education Law §§1702(3), (3-a), 1804 (12), (12-a), 1901 (2), (3), 2502 (10), (10-a)

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