

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Policy

Article: 5000 Students

Title: Student Representative to the Smyrna School Board

Policy #: 5107

1. Rationale

The young adult students of Smyrna High School possess a unique perspective of the educational environment delivered by the Smyrna School District. It is recognized that “the student” serves as the focal point of all decisions made by the Board of Education. The student body of Smyrna High School feels that a “non-voting representative” on the Board of Education would enhance communication between the school board and the school district’s student population.

2. Term

The term for the “non-voting student representative” will be for one (1) year. The term shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th. This term is consistent with regularly elected School Board members.

3. Qualifications

- a. The representative should be a Smyrna High School Junior or Senior.
- b. The representative must meet or exceed the established academic standards required for participation in scholastic athletic programs.

4. Duties

- a. The representative should attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the School Board.
- b. The student representative shall communicate the findings and concerns related to monthly School Board meetings to the student body. The student representative shall also advise the Smyrna School Board of those concerns of the student body.

5. Selection

- a. At the direction of the School Board President, a “student representative” selection committee shall be established. The committee shall consist of, yet not be limited to, members of the Board of Education, the High School Principal, and advisors from both the Future Educators of America and the Student Government Association.
- b. Student candidates should be self-nominated and should supply the selection committee with a 300-word essay stating their reasons for pursuing the position.
- c. The selection committee shall verify each candidate’s qualifications for this position. Upon verification of candidate qualifications, the selection committee shall judge the submitted essays on their content regarding leadership qualities, the desire to serve and the ability to communicate. The top three (3) essays shall be identified by the selection committee.
- d. The High School Principal, or his designee, shall present the essays to the student body. The method of presentation shall be at the discretion of the Principal. The identity of the authors of the essays shall not be revealed. The student body shall have the opportunity to vote on the essay that best reflects their concerns, and identifies the traits of the person they feel should represent them on the Board of Education.

- e. The author of the essay receiving the most votes shall be identified as the student representative to the Smyrna School Board. The author of the essay receiving the second greatest votes shall be identified as the alternate student representative to the Smyrna School Board.

Approved by the Board of Education, May 20, 1998.