# East Stroudsburg Area School District

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPRESENTATIVES** 

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#### 004.1 STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. Purpose

The Board of Education (Board) of East Stroudsburg Area School District recognizes that its decisions and actions affect the students of the school district. In consideration of this students should have a voice in the governance of the school district. The Board, therefore, establishes the position of Student School Board Representative to the Board to establish a communications link between itself and the student body.

2. Authority

The Board establishes the non-voting (advisory) position of Student School Board Representative to facilitate communication between the Board and student body by providing for the presentation of students' viewpoints and concerns at all Board meetings and will permit the appointment of two Student School Board Representatives to sit in a nonvoting capacity on the Board.

3. Guidelines

Election of the representatives will occur as follows:

- 1. Student School Board Representatives shall be duly elected by the Student Government Association.
- 2. Student School Board Representatives will serve for a term of one school year.
- 3. One of the Student School Board Representatives shall be from the High School North, and one shall be from the High School South.
- 4. In case a Student School Board Representative resigns, moves from the school district, withdraws from school, or for any other reason cannot serve their term, the school principal may recommend for Board approval a representative to complete their unexpired term.
- 5. Student School Board Representatives are subject to the provisions of the Code of Student Conduct, including the rules, regulations and responsibilities for participation in Student Activities.

# 4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall develop guidelines to assure the proper support for the Student School Board Representative program of the school district. The following minimal requirements shall apply:

- 1. A Student School Board Representative will be a nonvoting participant at regular monthly meetings of the Board. Participation by Student School Board Representatives will be limited to the time that the Board is in session. Student School Board Representatives will not attend executive sessions.
- 2. Student School Board Representatives must be aware that the Board is a policy making body rather than an administrative body. Student School Board Representatives will refrain from responding to student complaints and refer these to the appropriate administrative office.

### 5. Participation

Student School Board Representatives are expected to attend Board meetings and, if invited, sessions of Ad Hoc committees or other committees that may be created by the Board.

#### Role of the Student School Board Representative

- 1. The Student School Board Representative shall act in a nonvoting capacity.
- 2. The Student School Board Representative will communicate regularly with the school principal regarding issues that may come to the Board pertaining to her/his school.
- 3. The Student School Board Representative shall communicate with students, through Student Council, all Board policies, actions and decisions that are of appropriate concern of the students.
- 4. The Student School Board Representative shall present to the Board the view of the student body, as expressed through Student Council, remaining aware of the great responsibility to represent the total student community and not an individual group.
- 5. The Student School Board Representative will make monthly reports to the Board regarding school activities.
- 6. The Student School Board Representative shall recognize that effective democratic procedure exists when all Board members support the implementation of policy that has been approved by majority action at an open public meeting.

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7. The Student School Board Representative shall learn and follow the procedures as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order in dealing with matters before the Board.
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