

The Board of Education recognizes:

1. That the students of the School District of Neillsville are the ultimate benefactors of board policies and decisions;
2. That student advisory participation on the Board of Education may bring information and points of view which may not have been heard in the past;
3. That the reasoning behind board decisions which concern students generally does not reach them and misunderstandings may occur as a result; and
4. That it has a responsibility to encourage participation in the democratic process in order to teach students about local government decision making.

Therefore, the Board of Education authorizes student advisory representation to its membership in order to facilitate more effective communication and to promote sound education as provided by the procedures outlined below:

1. One high school representative and one alternate will be elected to represent the interests of the students of the district in an advisory capacity.
2. The representative will be invited to sit with the board at every meeting. Attendance at summer meetings is optional. In the event that the elected student representative is unable to attend, the alternate will take his/her place.
3. The representative should review agenda topics prior to the board meeting and be prepared to discuss items of student interest and concern.
4. The representative will be excused from all executive (closed) sessions, but is invited to sit with the board whenever it convenes in open session.
5. The representative's opinion may be solicited concerning any issue which the board considers, and the representative may also schedule items for consideration by utilizing the established agenda procedure.

**Selection Process:**

1. The representative and an alternate will be chosen at the end of each school year for a one-year term, July 1 through June 30, and may serve for more than one term.
2. Candidates must be enrolled at the high school and available to serve the full one-year term.
3. Candidates must have completed at least three semesters of high school and have at least a C average.
4. Candidates must submit the following:
  - a. Completed Application for Student Representative to the Board of Education
  - b. A minimum of three letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, coaches, or other leaders
  - c. A letter from the high school guidance office verifying his/her academic standing
5. The members of the Board of Education will review the applications and select the top four candidates. These four individuals will each give a presentation to the board illustrating their reasons for pursuing the position. Following the presentations, the board will select one student representative and one alternate.

APPLICATION FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of High School Semesters Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What sports, clubs, and other extra-curricular activities are you involved in?
  
2. In what ways are you involved in the community?
  
3. Are you currently employed and if so, where?
  
4. Have you, or are you currently doing any volunteer work?
  
5. Have you had any other experiences that you feel will help you fulfill the responsibilities of student representative to the board?
  
6. Why do you want to serve as a student representative to the board?
  
7. In what ways would the board benefit by having you as their student representative?

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial Adoption: 9/10/07

Final Adoption: 10/8/07