

## **SUBJECT: STUDENTS SERVING AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Upon approval of voters, the Board of Education of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District authorizes the position of Ex Officio Student Member of the Board for the purpose of providing regular and direct communication between the Board and the high school students.

The student representative shall be a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at one of the District's high schools at the time s/he assumes office, and shall apply and be appointed after interviewing with the Principals of Kenmore East and Kenmore West High Schools, and the Board of Education President or designee. If students from the Big Picture Program apply for the position, the Principal of the Big Picture Program will also serve on the interview committee.

### (CHOICE 1)

The appointment will take effect on July 1 of each year, and the student representative will serve for a one-year period. Each year there will be a student representative from one high school, with an alternate student representative selected from the other high school, rotating on a yearly basis. Beginning with the term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, the student representative will be from Kenmore East High School with the alternate being from Kenmore West High School, rotating each year after that. The alternate will be expected to attend Board Meetings and to communicate regularly with the student representative. If the representatives must withdraw from his/her position for any reason, the alternate will assume the role of the student representative.

### (CHOICE 2)

The appointment will take effect on July 1 of each year, and the student representative from each high school will serve for a one-year period. Each year there will be a student representative from each District high school. Beginning with the term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, the student representative from Kenmore East High School would attend the Sept, Nov, Jan, March, and May meetings, while the Kenmore West High School student representative would attend the Oct, Dec, Feb, April, and June meetings. The student representatives will be expected to communicate regularly with each other. If either student representative must withdraw from his/her position for any reason, the other will assume the role of the student representative.

This ex officio student member of the Board will not have a vote, will not be allowed to attend executive sessions, and will not be entitled to receive compensation of any form for participating at Board meetings.

The student representative will have the following privileges:

1. To participate in discussion of agenda items
2. To have his/her comments inserted in the minutes of the meeting
3. To receive written materials provided to Board members, other than those that are confidential or pertain to personnel

The student representative may be removed/withdrawn from office for the following reasons:

1. Automatic removal from office if the student has committed a personal offense against the District's rules which requires a hearing with the Superintendent resulting in disciplinary action.

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2. A change in the student's schedule which results in his/her having less than a majority of classes (periods) in the high school building.
3. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings (Board or the Executive Council) without a valid reason.

The Superintendent will establish procedures to accompany this policy.

Adopted: