

BBBF - Student Board Members

- A. **General Policy.** The Board will have at least one student school board member from the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative MS/HS.

Student School Board members (“Student-members”) will not have the right to vote and will be excluded from all non-public sessions the Board enters.

- B. **Election and Term of Student School Board-Members.**

Student-members will serve one-year terms, beginning on October 1st of each year.

Student-members will be chosen by a majority vote of the MS/HS student body under procedures for nomination and election established by the student government of the high school.

- C. **Responsibilities of Student Government.**

The student government of the MS/HS shall establish procedures for:

1. The nomination and election of Student-member candidates;
2. Any public high school student in the school district to petition the Student-member to present proposals and opinions to the School Board;
3. Filling any vacancy that may occur in the Student-member position from that school.

- D. **Student-Member Expectations.**

Under RSA 194:23-f, IV, Student-members are expected to:

1. Attend all School Board meetings;
2. Represent all MS/HS students within the District;
3. Present to the School Board specific proposals and ideas from the high school student body;
4. Serve as a liaison between students, District staff, and the Board;
5. Keep the student body informed of Board business and actions; and
6. Comply with all Board policies relative to students and Board members, when applicable.

- E. **Oversight.**

The Superintendent shall assure building principals coordinate with student council advisors to ensure the student council is aware of the requirements of Section D, above.

The School Board recognizes that the consistent attendance of a Student Board Member is essential to the effective operation of Board duties as well as required under RSA 189:1-c.

The Chair and Vice Chair will coordinate with Administration to address absences exceeding 3 consecutive meetings or 30% of scheduled meetings. Administration may coordinate the selection of a designated Alternate Student Board Member in accordance with the process set forth above.

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Legal References:

RSA 189:1-c, School Board Student Member

RSA 194:23-f, High School Student as a Board Member

Legal References Disclaimer: *These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*