

West Contra Costa USD

Proposed Revision 9/17/20

Board Bylaw

Student Board Members

BB 9150

Board Bylaws

The Governing Board believes that engaging the student body and seeking its input and feedback regarding the district's educational programs and activities are vital to achieving the district's mission of educating district students.

Student Board members will be selected by the West Contra Costa Unified Youth Commission. The Youth Commission will appoint ~~two~~ members to represent WCCUSD students at each Board meeting for a term of ~~one semester~~ **one year**. The Youth Commission will then appoint ~~two~~ **four** different students to represent WCCUSD students for each subsequent ~~semester~~ **year with overlapping terms of October – May and May to October**. At its monthly meetings, the Youth Commission will review items and issues that will be coming before the Board to assist the student Board representatives in preparing for the meetings of the School Board. In this way Youth Commission members will better understand the work of the Board and be more prepared to participate in meetings.

A student Board member shall be seated with other members of the Board. In addition, a student Board member shall be recognized at Board meetings as a full member, shall receive all materials presented to other Board members except those related to closed sessions, and may participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues. (Education Code 35012)

A student Board member may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. (Education Code 35012)

A student Board member shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the Board but shall not receive compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board Member Development

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to student Board members, through trainings, workshops, and conferences, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of their Board responsibilities.

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide an orientation for student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of Board service.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 Appointment of student members to State Board of Education

35012 Board members; number, election and terms; pupil members

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association of Student Councils: <http://www.casc.net>