

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Owen Co. 01.1

Legal Status of the Board**CORPORATE POWERS**

1. The school district is under the management and control of the Board of Education consisting of five (5) members.
2. The Board is a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession.
3. The Board shall be known as the "Board of Education of Owen County, Kentucky."
4. The Board may sue and be sued; make contracts; expend funds necessary for liability insurance premiums and for the defense of any civil action brought against an individual Board member in his official or individual capacity, or both, on account of an act made in the scope and course of his performance of legal duties as a Board member; purchase, receive, hold, and sell property; issue its bonds to build and construct improvements; and do all things necessary to accomplish the purposes for which it is created.¹

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Students choosing to run for the student representative position must have attended Owen County High School for at least two (2) years and maintained no less than a 3.5 grade point average or higher before time of election.

Student candidates must have dependable transportation to and from any Board activities or meetings that require their attendance. They must also understand that Board activities hold priority over most other engagements that may conflict.

Students who apply for election must also be an active member of the Student Council and be willing to ask for student input on pressing issues that may concern them.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE GUIDELINES

- * Any student that meets the above requirements is an eligible candidate for Student Representative to the Board. If they wish to run for this position, however, they must communicate this to the Student Council officers. If they so wish, the officers may then require that the candidates submit an essay to help reduce the number of candidates to a reasonable number. Essays will be evaluated based on a rubric formulated by the student council officers.
- * All candidates will be given the opportunity to detail their qualifications and validate their reasons for seeking this position. The Student Council will then hold an election to determine which candidate would be best suited for the task. All high school students shall be eligible to vote for a student representative to the Board.
- * The chosen representative will serve a term of two (2) years, unless s/he graduates or otherwise leaves the District. However, before that term begins, s/he will be required to attend at least two (2) meetings prior to actual Board involvement. Except the first year participant, members will use those two (2) meetings to shadow their predecessor. The new representative's term will begin during the summer between school years (June 1 through May 31).

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- * The student representative will be a strictly ex-officio member (i.e. they do not vote). Student representative involvement is solely for the purpose of providing input from a student viewpoint.
- * The student representative must be prepared to excuse himself/herself during closed sessions if necessary. S/he must also be prepared to adhere to the same standards of confidentiality and responsibility as are Board members.
- * The student representative position is subject to change. The Board or Superintendent has sole authority to request replacement of a representative based on a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. In such instances, the new representative will finish the term of his/her predecessor.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.160
KRS 160.370

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