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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Christian County Board of Education Board Members**

**FROM: Melanie A. Barrett, Director of Pupil Personnel**

**DATE: April 21, 2022**

**RE: Legal Status of the Board 01.1**

**The Christian County Board of Education Board Members are requested to review the additions of Student Board Representative Criteria to the Legal Status of the Board Policy 01.1 for approval.**

## 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 Christian 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.<sup>1</sup>
5. The Board has power to act only when it meets in session as a Board and as a Committee of the Whole. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of any individual Board member or employee, except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions by the Board in keeping with all Board policies.

### STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

In order to ensure appropriate information and participation from students in the system, one (1) senior Student Board Representative selected from the Student Superintendent Advisory Council shall serve annually as a non-voting member on the Board. The Student Board Representative shall be entitled to attend and participate in Board meetings held in open session including Board Workshops and may express opinions and advise the Board on all issues which come before it as deemed appropriate by the Board.

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### ELIGIBILITY

The Student Board Representatives must be a senior in good standing in the District. The Student Board Representative senior class student will be selected from the Student Superintendent Advisory Council applicants. They must have and maintain an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher both before the time of their election and during their senior year. They may not have any unexcused absences during senior year and must have maintained an exemplary discipline record during their academic career.

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### SELECTION PROCESS

Each year senior class students serving on the Student Superintendent Advisory Council shall be informed that members of this council may be considered for the position of Student Board Representative and the responsibilities of the position shall be explained. Students serving on the Student Superintendent Advisory Council may submit an application when the application window is announced each year.

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**Legal Status of the Board****SELECTION PROCESS (CONTINUED)**

The Superintendent Advisory Council will review and select up to five (5) students from applications submitted. The applicant selection reviews shall be based on:

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1. Academics
2. Attendance
3. Discipline record
4. Participation in school activities
5. Leadership
6. Two letters of reference (one from a teacher and one from a community member)
7. A one (1) page essay on how they will represent students' interest as a Student Board Representative.

A rubric process will be used to score each application.

**ELECTION OF STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

During the first year of implementation of the Student Board Representative to serve on the Board, the representative will be elected by the majority vote of students in grades 9, 10, 11, 12. The process of the election will be posted in August 2022. Every year thereafter, the student representative on the Board will be elected by majority vote through an annual election held prior to the end of the current school year with a one year term from July 1 to June 30.

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**TERM**

Each student board representative will serve a one (1) year academic term beginning July 1 until June 30 of his or her senior year beginning the 2023-2024 school year.

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**UNEXPIRED TERMS**

If a Student Board Representative vacancy occurs before the term expires, it will be filled by the Superintendent. The member so chosen shall hold office until the term expires.

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**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- The Student Board Representative will be an ex-officio member (non-voting) advisor to the Board. The student representative's involvement is solely for the purpose of providing input from a student's viewpoint.
- The Student Board Representative shall not be permitted to participate in Closed Sessions and must adhere to the same standards of confidentiality and responsibility as Board Members.
- The Student Board Representative will attend an orientation session organized and conducted by the Superintendent and staff prior to participation in any regular meeting of the Board.
- The Student Board Representative must understand that Board activities hold priority over most other engagements that might conflict.

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#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (CONTINUED)

- Any Student Board Representative who misses more than two (2) consecutive meetings, unless excused by the Board for reasons satisfactory to it, shall be removed by the Board.
- The Student Board Representative will not receive a per diem.

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A Student Board Representative may be removed by majority vote of the Members of the Board for failure to perform the duties of the office or for irregular attendance or for misconduct.

#### **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

As required by law, the District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), genetic information, disability, age, or limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions in its programs and activities and provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Notice of the name, work address and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator and the Section 504 Coordinator for the District shall be provided to employees, applicants for employment, students, parents/guardians, and other beneficiaries such as participants in activities offered to the public.

#### **WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY**

The District is committed to ensuring accessibility of its website for students, employees, visitors, and members of the community with disabilities. All pages on the District's website shall conform to Level AA of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI), or updated equivalents of these guidelines.

Under District developed administrative procedures, students, parents, and members of the public may present a complaint regarding a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 related to the accessibility of any official District web presence which is developed by, maintained by, or offered through the District or third party vendors and open sources.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REFERENCES:**

<sup>1</sup>KRS 160.160  
KRS 160.370  
KRS Chapter 344  
Americans with Disabilities Act  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
42 U.S.C. 200e, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII  
20 U.S.C. 1681, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX  
Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008  
20 U.S.C. § 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act)  
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines  
Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020)

**RELATED POLICIES:**

03.113; 03.212; 03.162; 03.262  
05.3; 09.13; 09.3211; 09.42811  
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