SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY 228

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ADOPTED: May 20, 1998

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228. STUDENT GOVERNMENT

1. Purpose

The Board acknowledges the importance of offering students the opportunity to participate in self-government within the establishment of the schools.

2. Authority

Students shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives and petition the Board.

The Board will recognize the Student Council as the official voice of the student body for students in grades 7 through 12 and for the purpose of developing student leadership; providing a learning experience in democratic decision making; and offering another avenue toward the realization of the goals of this district, provided that the charter, constitution or bylaws of that organization have been duly adopted by the members of the student body it represents.

SC 511(c)

The Board shall appoint a qualified member of the faculty to serve as advisor to student government activities.

The Student Council shall be fully responsible for the planning and organization or coordination of its own government and for governments of other clubs, except that all such activities must first be approved by building principals.

3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall establish rules and regulations to implement this policy which:

1. Invite the participation of students in their formulation.

2. Assure that all students have equal access to the student government and an equal opportunity to vote and hold office.

SC 511(d)

- 3. Require fiscal accountability and adherence to Board policy for all financial aspects of student government activity.
- 4. Require that decisions made and actions taken by the student government organization, in accordance with and within the scope of the constitution approved by the Board, shall not be voided or vetoed by any staff member.

School Code 511