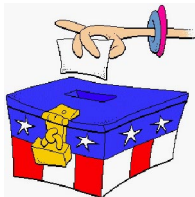


# SMOB Voting Rights

**The Student Member of the Board of Education has the right to vote on all issues except:**

- \ Collective Bargaining
- \ Capital and Operating Budgets
- \ School Reopenings, Closings, and Boundaries
- \ Negative Personnel Action

The SMOB may still author legislation, second motions, and participate in discussions concerning all topics above. Therefore, he/she is still an active participant in all phases of Board business.



## SMOB's

- 78-79 David Naimon (Northwood)
  - 79-80 Jon Paul (Churchill)
  - 80-81 Traci Williams (Whitman)
  - 81-82 Jonathan Lipson (Whitman)
  - 82-83 Kurt Hirsh\* (Whitman)
  - 83-84 Peter Robertson (Woodward)
  - 84-85 Jacquie Duby (Springbrook)
  - 85-86 John Foubert (Blair)
  - 86-87 Eric Steinberg (Whitman)
  - 87-88 Andy Herscowitz (Churchill)
  - 88-89 Chan Park (Richard Montgomery)
  - 89-90 Alison Serino\*\* (Springbrook)
  - 90-91 David Chang (Churchill)
  - 91-92 Shervin Pishevar (Blair)
  - 92-93 Jonathan Sims (Richard Montgomery)
  - 93-94 Carrie Baker\*\*\* (Einstein)
  - 94-95 Wendy Converse (Richard Montgomery)
  - 95-96 Charles McCullough (Richard Montgomery)
  - 96-97 Rachel Prager (Whitman)
  - 97-98 Debra Wheat (Damascus)
  - 98-99 Leonard Butler (Springbrook)
  - 99-00 Laura Sampedro (Springbrook)
  - 00-01 Christopher Lloyd+ (Kennedy)
  - 01-02 Dustin Jeter (Seneca Valley)
  - 02-03 Mihyar Alnifaity ++ (Springbrook)
  - 03-04 Sagar Sanghvi (Magruder)
  - 04-05 Sagar Sanghvi+++ (Magruder)
  - 05-06 Sebastian Johnson (Blair)
  - 06-07 Sarah Horvitz (Springbrook)
  - 07-08 Ben Moskowitz (Walter Johnson)
  - 08-09 Quratul-Ann Malik (Watkins Mill)
  - 09-10 Tim Hwang (Wootton)
  - 10-11 Alan Xie (Richard Montgomery)
  - 11-12 Alan Xie (Richard Montgomery)
- \* First Direct Election    \*\* First Limited Vote  
\*\*\* First Vote On Budget    + First Junior to Serve  
++ First to receive College Scholarship  
+++ First to Serve a Second Term



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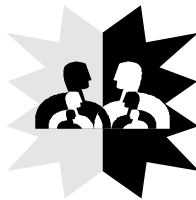


## The Role of the SMOB

The Student Member of the Board of Education serves to provide an informed student viewpoint on educational issues to the Board of Education. The Student Member does not represent all students or any particular group of students on an issue.

The Student Member of the Board of Education needs to understand and respect the diversity of the students' opinions and make sound decisions based on all of the information that is presented to him/her.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office (301-670-1419)



## History of the SMOB

In 1977 the Maryland General Assembly passed a bill creating a nonvoting student seat on the Board of Education. The Governor signed the legislation and the first MCPS student was elected in the spring of 1978.



The first four student members were selected in convention. In 1982, the Board of Education and MCR agreed on a modified direct election procedure. In the spring, all students in grade 7 through 12 had the opportunity to vote for one of two candidates. The 6th grade vote, as a part of the middle school, was granted in 1999.

During the 1989 session of the Maryland General Assembly, the law was amended to establish a limited vote for the student member. The SMOB could vote on all items except budget (capitol and operating), negative certificated personnel, school closings/openings, and boundary changes. The twelfth student member was the first one to exercise the limited vote.

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## History of the SMOB Continued

From 1993 - 1995, the student member was granted a sunset provision that amended the limited vote. At the end of 1995, the student vote reverted back to the 1989 limits.

Currently, the student member on the State Board of Education has the same voting status as our student member, with the exception of voting on appeals.



Although the SMOB is not paid a salary, for a fully year of service he/she earns a Social Studies credit, minimum 250 hours of Service Learning, and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

For more information about the SMOB and news from the current SMOB, visit [www.montgoemryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/smob](http://www.montgoemryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/smob)