

SCHOOL COMMITTEE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each School Committee shall have general charge of their School and shall exercise such other responsibilities as specifically provided by law. Members of each School Committee have authority only when acting as Committee legally in session. A School Committee member shall not be bound by any action or statement of an individual School Committee member unless such statement or action was done at the specific direction of the whole Committee.

Each School Committee shall concern itself primarily with broad questions of policy rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent and his/her staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire school system.

Each School Committee, functioning within the framework of laws, court decisions, attorney generals' opinions, and similar mandates from the state and national levels of government, and recognizing the authority of the state, fulfills its mission as the governing body of a political subdivision by acting as follows in the execution of its duties:

- A. Enacts policy;
- B. Provides for the planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction and maintenance of the physical plant of the school system;
- C. Prescribes the minimum standards needed for the efficient operation and improvement of the school system;
- D. Requires the establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, and management methods and procedures incidental to the conduct of school business;
- E. Approves the budget, financial reports, audits, major expenditures, payment of obligations, and policies whereby the administration may formulate procedures, regulations, and other guides for the orderly accomplishment of business;

- F. Estimates the funds necessary from taxes for the operation, support, maintenance and improvement of the school system;
- G. Adopts courses of study;
- H. Provides staff and instructional aids;
- I. Evaluates the educational program to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purposes of the school system;
- J. Provides for the dissemination of information relating to the schools necessary for creating a well-informed public; and
- K. Approves/disapproves nominations for professional staff from the Superintendent and determines compensation and working conditions of all staff.
- L. Attends the annual Town Meeting and contributes to the voter's understanding the issues involved in the proposed school budget;
- M. Each School Committee member is a member of the School Union #69 Joint Committee and attends Joint Union #69 meetings, participates in the selection, employment, and evaluation of the Superintendent, approves the budget for the Office of the Superintendent of School Union #69, and conducts other Joint Union #69 business as necessary.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001

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