

BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BBA: BRAINTREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE POWERS AND DUTIES

The Braintree School Committee (BSC) is the governing board of the Town of Braintree's public-school system. Although it functions as a duly elected Committee of town government, the School Committee has, unlike other town boards, autonomous and absolute authority within limitations established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Braintree Charter to carry out the educational policies of the state and guide the educational process.

The BSC has all the powers conferred upon it by state law and must perform those duties mandated by the state. These include the responsibility and right to determine policies and practices and to employ a staff to implement its directions for the proper education of the children of Braintree.

The BSC takes a broad view of its functions. It sees them as:

- 1. Legislative/policymaking.** The BSC is responsible for the development of policy as guides for administrative action and for employing a Superintendent who will implement its policies.
- 2. Appraisal.** The BSC is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.
- 3. Provision of financial resources.** The BSC is responsible for the yearly development and adoption of a budget that will enable the school system to carry out the BSC's policies, which is to be recommended to the Mayor as defined by the Town of Braintree Charter.
- 4. Public relations.** The BSC is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local citizenry informed about the schools and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the needs and wishes of the public.
- 5. Educational planning and evaluation.** The BSC is responsible for establishing educational goals and policies that will guide the BSC and staff for the administration and continuing improvement of the educational programs provided by the BSC.

Personnel Matters

The Superintendent shall be appointed by vote of the BSC and shall directly report to the BSC as provided by law and perform all the duties that are prescribed by law and such other duties, not inconsistent there to, as a majority of the BSC may direct.

The BSC shall appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant/Associate/Deputy Superintendent(s), School Business Administrator, Special Education Administrator, School Physician, School Nurses, and the Supervisor of Attendance. Such positions shall not report directly to the BSC.

SOURCE: MASC July 2016

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [71:37](#) specifically, but powers and duties of School Committees are established throughout the Massachusetts General Laws.

CROSS REF.: [BB](#), School Committee Legal Status

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