

# BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## **BBA: BRAINTREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER AUTHORITY**

### Authority

Because all powers of the Braintree School Committee (BSC) derived from state laws are granted in terms of action as a group, members of the BSC have authority only when acting as a Committee in a duly called and posted session of the full Committee.

The BSC will not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of an individual member except when such statement or action is a result of specific instructions of the Committee.

No member of the Committee, by virtue of his/her office, will exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or command the services of any school employee.

The BSC will function as a body and all policy decisions and other matters, as required by law, will be settled by an official vote of the Committee sitting in formal session.

### Guiding Principles

1. To become familiar with the General Laws of the Commonwealth relating to education and School Committee operations, regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Education, policies and procedures of this School Committee and School Department.
2. To keep up-to-date on new laws and the latest trends in education.
3. To have a general knowledge of the goals, objectives, and programs of the Braintree Public Schools.
4. To work effectively with other Committee members without trying either to dominate the Committee or neglect his/her share of the work.
5. To respect the privileged communication that exists in executive sessions by maintaining strict confidentiality on matters discussed in these sessions, except that which becomes part of the public record, once it has been approved for release.
6. To vote and act in Committee impartially for the good of students.
7. To accept the will of the majority vote in all cases, and to remember that he/she is one of a team and must abide by, and carry out, all Committee decisions once they are made.
8. To represent the Committee and the schools to the public in a way that promotes professionalism, interest and support.
9. To refer questions and complaints to the proper school authorities.
10. To comply with the accepted code of ethics for School Committee members.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. [41:1](#) and [71:37](#) specifically, but powers and duties of School Committees are established



throughout the General Laws of Massachusetts Relating to School Committees

CROSS REFS.: [BBA](#), School Committee Powers and Duties

SOURCE: MASC

NOTE: MASC code of ethics is intended to be a guideline for School Committee members. The code is not binding by law.

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