

SCHOOL COMMITTEE LEGAL STATUS/POWERS AND DUTIES/MEMBER AUTHORITY

The School Committee is the governing board of the school system of the Town of Weston. In accordance with the General Laws, the School Committee is charged with determining policies and practices, providing physical facilities and materials, and employing staff to implement its directions for the education of the children of the Town.

The School Committee is composed of five voting members, popularly elected for staggered three-year terms. In addition, there is an annually elected nonvoting student member in accordance with state law; and an annually elected nonvoting Weston-METCO representative in accordance with Policy BBBH.

The School Committee is the sole representative of the municipal employer for the purpose of collective bargaining and labor relations with School Committee employees. As provided by law, the chief executive officer of the town or designee shall participate and vote as a member of the School Committee on the approval of collective bargaining agreements.

The School Committee has authority only when acting as a body. Members as individuals have no authority over school affairs except at the express direction of the Committee.

LEGAL REFS: M.G.L., Ch 4, S.1 and S.2 specifically, but powers and duties of school committees are established throughout the General Laws of Massachusetts Relating to School Committees. The number and terms of office of members are established by action of the Town Meeting within the limitations of M.G.L. Ch. 41.1. The Weston School Committee was enlarged to five members at a special Town Meeting on January 24, 1949.
M.G.L. 150E:1.

CROSS REFS.: AA, School District Legal Status
BBBH, Weston-METCO Representative to the Weston School Committee
JIB, Student Involvement in Decision-making

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