

Bylaw

ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Election of the President and Vice President

The Somerville Board of Education shall organize by electing one of its members as president and another as vice president. Any member may place a member's name in nomination; a second is not required.

Election for each office will be conducted by verbal roll call vote when the nominations for that office are closed. The candidate receiving the votes of a majority of board members present and constituting a quorum will be elected to office. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, a second election shall be conducted between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Voting shall take place by verbal roll call vote after nominations are closed. When more than one person has been nominated, the board will vote on candidates in the order in which they were nominated. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote of the members of the board present and constituting a quorum, the procedure shall continue until someone receives a majority vote.

Officers shall serve for one year and until their respective successors are elected. If the board fails to hold the organizational meeting or to elect board officers the executive county superintendent shall appoint from among the members of the board a president and/or vice president.

No board member shall serve as duly elected president of the board for more than two consecutive terms. A period of not less than one school-election year shall expire before a past president of the board of education may be nominated again for that office.

A president or vice president who refuses to perform a duty imposed upon him/her by law may be removed by a majority vote of all of the members of the board. In the event the office of president or vice president becomes vacant the board shall, within thirty days of the vacancy fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. If the board fails to fill the vacancy within thirty days, the executive county superintendent shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Annual Appointments

The board may annually appoint the following positions:

- A. A board secretary;
- B. A treasurer of school moneys;
- C. A public school accountant;
- D. A school physician;
- E. A psychological examiner;
- F. A member to serve as delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association;
- G. An attendance officer;
- H. A member to serve as delegate to the Somerset County School Boards Association;

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- I. An attorney;
- J. A representative to the Somerset County Educational Services Commission;
- K. Insurance brokers/agents;

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<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:6-46	Delegates to state association
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:12-1	Election and number of board members; terms
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:14-2	Time of holding annual school election
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:14-19	Notices; contents; posting and publication
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:14-36	Open election
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:14-63	Duties of secretary of the board of education (re: elections)
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:17-2	Tenure of secretaries, assistant secretaries, school business administrators, business managers and secretarial and clerical employees
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:17-5	Appointment of a secretary of board of education; terms; compensation; vacancy
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:17-13	Assistant and acting secretaries; appointment, powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:17-31	Treasurer of school moneys
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-1	Audit when and how made
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-1	Employment of medical inspectors, optometrists and nurses; salaries; terms; rules
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46-11	Psychological and other examinations
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-32	District and county vocational school attendance officer

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1120	Board of education meetings
	*3570	District records and reports
	*6142.10	Technology
	*9121	Election and duties of president
	*9271	Code of ethics
	*9322	Public and executive sessions
	*9323/9324	Agenda preparation/advance delivery of meeting material
	*9326	Minutes

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.