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**School Committee Policy:**

**#101**

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### **School Committee Legal Status, Powers and Responsibilities**

The Maynard School Committee is an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directly responsible to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the operation of the Maynard Public Schools in accordance with state laws and regulations. The School Committee is also responsible to the citizens of Maynard for the quality of the educational program and the management of the financial resources provided by the Town to fund the school system.

The School Committee is the policy making body for the Maynard Public Schools and has the final authority in all financial matters relating to the operation of the schools except in regard to the final bottom line authority over the school budget which is decided by the Town Meeting under Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980.

The School Committee determines policy and enacts business only during a legally convened meeting that complies with the Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20).

The School Committee may change or revoke an existing policy or adopt and establish new policies provided that the policy item has appeared on the agenda of a previous regular meeting for discussion and has been acted upon favorably by a majority of the Committee Members present.

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