

Barrington Public Schools Policy: School Committee Organization, Officers, and Officer Responsibilities

The purpose of this policy is to outline the organization, officers, and officer responsibilities of the School Committee.

The Barrington Public Schools (BPS) School Committee shall meet for its annual organizational meeting on the first regular meeting date in December each year, or at the first regular meeting after newly elected members of the School Committee have been sworn to duty. The Superintendent shall preside at the call of the annual organizational meeting. The School Committee shall elect by majority vote from the full membership a Chairperson then a Vice Chairperson.

The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson shall serve and may be removed, at the pleasure of the majority of the School Committee.

The Chairperson is empowered by the School Committee to:

1. provide leadership to the School Committee by ensuring the integrity of the Committee's processes and Governing Principles and Standards;
2. chair its meetings with all of the commonly accepted power of that position as described in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised;
3. ensure consistency with its own rules and policies, and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization;
4. lead periodic self-assessments to ensure process improvement;
5. facilitate sound Committee decision making;
6. represent the Committee, as appropriate;
7. compile and facilitate the Committee's summative evaluation of the Superintendent;
8. execute all documents as authorized by the Committee, except as otherwise provided by law;
9. develop proposed Committee meeting agendas in concert with the Superintendent; and
10. serve as the Committee's official spokesperson in announcing Committee-stated positions, and in stating decisions and interpretations within the areas assigned to the Chairperson.

The Vice Chairperson shall keep written minutes of the proceedings of the executive sessions of the School Committee and shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in their absence.

The Chairperson has no authority to supervise or direct the Superintendent except as authorized by the School Committee.

Legal Reference:

Rhode Island General Laws § 16-2-6

Barrington Town Charter §9-2-2

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