

Barrington Public School Policy: School Committee Membership

The purpose of this policy is to outline the qualifications of School Committee members and outline the procedures for elections, vacancies, and resignation.

Barrington School Committee members shall

1. be citizens (electors) of the Town of Barrington;
2. be elected by the electors of the Town of Barrington at the regular biennial election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even numbered years;
3. serve for a term of four years;
4. be subject to the requirements of the Rhode Island Code of Ethics and the Regulations of the Rhode Island Ethics Commission.

If a School Committee member is no longer a resident of Barrington, their seat will become vacant immediately.

If a School Committee member seeks to resign from the School Committee, they shall submit a letter to the Chairperson of the School Committee who will notify other members of the School Committee, the Superintendent, and the Town Council. The resignation will be announced at the next meeting of the School Committee.

Any vacancy in the School Committee shall be filled for the unexpired term by a vote of the electors of the Town. Such vacancy shall be filled at the next regular or special election to be held in the Town, or the Town Council may call a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy. If a vacancy in the School Committee shall occur more than nine (9) months prior to the time for the holding of a regular election, the Council shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, call a special election for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

Legal references:

Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, Article III, Sections 7 and 8
Rhode Island General Laws §16-2-5, 36-14-1 through 36-14-7
Rhode Island Ethics Commission Regulations 36-14-2001 et seq.
Barrington Town Charter §9-1-2, 3

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