SCHOOL COMMITTEE POWERS AND DUTIES

The powers and duties of the School Committee will be as conferred and prescribed by law. Complete and final authority on all matters pertaining to the Windham educational system, except as restricted by law, will be vested in the School Committee. It is further recognized that the School Committee may enter into contracts and agreements in conformity with State law.

Fundamental Responsibilities

A most important function of the School Committee is its legislative power over all educational matters of the School Department. Its resolutions have the effect of law in the operation of the School Department property. In accordance with its established philosophy of education, its basic responsibilities are:

A. Legislative and Policy Making: The School Committee is responsible for the development of policy as guides for administrative action and for employing a Superintendent to implement its policies.

B. Appraisal: The School Committee is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.

C. Provision of Financial Resources: The School Committee is responsible for adoption of a budget that will provide the resources – in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment – that will enable the school system to carry out the School Committee's policies.

D. Public Relations: The School Committee is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local citizenry informed about the schools and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the needs and wishes of the public.

E. Educational Planning and Evaluation: The School Committee is responsible for establishing the educational goals that will guide both the School Committee and the staff in working together toward the continuing improvement of the educational program. It is responsible for providing for the on-going evaluation of the school program against the goals and objectives set forth by the School Committee and by the State Board of Education.

Legal Reference: Title 20A MRSA Section 1001

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