

Barre Town Supervisory District Policy Manual

TITLE: Budget Adoption Process CODE: DBG

Exhibit A

CHARTER FOR TOWN OF BARRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Section 1 - Meetings and Elections

(a) The first Tuesday in March shall be the date for the annual election of school district officers and for voting upon all questions to be decided by Australian ballot. The Monday evening preceding the date for the annual election of school district officers, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at a place designated by the Barre Town School Board, shall be the date of the Annual Meeting at which time there will be considered all non-Australian ballot matters. Polls shall be open no less than nine (9) consecutive hours. The school board may designate one or more polling places within the district for voting and may provide for the use of any mechanical or computer type devices for voting or counting votes, consistent with the requirements of law. However, the voters at any meeting may designate a different date, time or place for the annual school district election.

(b) Special school district meetings or elections:

1. may be called by a majority of the school board, or
2. shall be called by the school district clerk upon receipt by him of a petition signed by at least ten (10) percent of the voters, specifying the business to be transacted at such meeting. The meeting shall be held within sixty (60) days from the date the petition is filed with the clerk.

(c) Budget preparation process:

1. 1. At such time as may be prescribed by the school board, the school superintendent shall submit a line itemized estimate of the income and expenditures required for the operation of the school district for the next ensuing fiscal year.
2. 2. The school board, with a committee of not less than five (5) voters appointed by them, shall review the proposed school budget publicly and prepare it for presentation to the voters at the annual school district meeting. Sufficient copies shall be available to the voters not less than ten (10) days prior to the election, at the five (5) public places required by Section 2 (a) and the warning shall state the availability of said proposed budget.

(d) Budget adoption process:

The budget proposal shall be submitted to the electorate at the annual election. If this proposal fails, after the school board shall warn another election at which a revised budget shall be submitted to the voters and decided by Australian ballot. If the school boards' second or subsequent budget proposal fail, the board shall continue to warn special elections and submit revised budget proposals to the voter until a budget is adopted by the voters by Australian ballot. (Amended 5-14-85; 11-8-94)

Section 2 - Warnings

(a) Public notice of every annual or special school district meeting or election shall be given by a warning posted in at least five (5) public places in the district at least fourteen (14) days prior to

the meeting; and published two (2) times, on the same day of the week for two (2) consecutive weeks, in a newspaper having general circulation in the district. The first such publication shall be at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

(b) The warning shall

1. state the date, time and place of the meeting,
2. be signed by a majority of the school board,
3. specifically indicate by separate articles what business is to be transacted at the meeting,
4. contain any article approved by the school board,
5. contain any article requested by petition signed by at least ten (10) percent of the voters and filed with the school district clerk at least forty-five (45) days prior to the day of the meeting, and
6. state that copies of the school board's proposed budget shall be available as required by Section 1 (d) above.

Section 3 - Reconsideration of Actions Taken on the Budget

Reconsideration of actions, as applied to the budgetary process, shall not be permitted.

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