

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE LEGAL STATUS

State law provides that:

Every town at its annual election shall in every year when the term of office of any incumbent expires, and except when other provision is made by law, choose by ballot from its registered voters the following town officers for the following terms of office:

Nine members of the School Committee (Three from Pepperell, Two from Townsend, One from Ashby, and Three At-Large Members) for terms of three years . . .

The North Middlesex Regional School Committee is the governing board of the North Middlesex Regional School District. Although it functions as a duly elected Committee of town government, the School Committee has, unlike other town boards, autonomous and absolute authority within limitations established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to carry out the educational policies of the state and guide the educational process.

Established by law

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 41:1 and 71:37 specifically, but powers and duties of School Committees are established throughout the General Laws of Massachusetts Relating to School Committees

CROSS REFS.: AA, School District Legal Status  
BBA, School Committee Powers and Duties