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POWERS AND AUTHORITY

The power of the Webster School Committee is established by law: "The School Committee of a town shall employ a superintendent and fix his/her compensation. " His/her role and major responsibilities are also specified by law: "The Superintendent shall be the executive officer of the School Committee and under its direction:

Shall have the care and supervision of the public schools.

Shall assist it in keeping its records and accounts.

Shall assist it in making such reports as are required by law.

Shall recommend to the Committee teachers, textbooks, and courses of study."

As the chief executive officer of the School Committee, he/she functions on the basis of discretionary powers given him/her by policies established by the School Committee.

The Superintendent shall provide the Committee with necessary information and reports as well as his/her recommendations to assist the School Committee in reaching sound judgments on policy matters.

When it is necessary to depart from established policy, the Superintendent shall inform the School Committee and seek its advice and direction.

On the basis of the policies of the School Committee the Superintendent specifies the required actions in designing detailed arrangements under which the schools will be operated.

The Superintendent as executive officer of the School Committee and as the highest certified educational administrator is the contact person between the School Committee and the staff in so far as school operations are concerned.

The Superintendent at his/her discretion may delegate to other personnel the exercise of any powers and the discharge of any duties given to him/her by the School Committee. The Superintendent is not relieved of any responsibility by virtue of such delegation.

In the development of rules and regulations, the Superintendent shall include at the planning stage, whenever feasible, persons to be affected by those rules and regulations. He shall establish communication channels within the school district in order to draw on the ideas and assess the feelings of various groups of employees.

The Superintendent shall have the privilege of seeking guidance from the School Committee on matters of school operation.

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