

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS' AUTHORITY AND DUTIES

Members of the School Committee have legal authority for the conduct of the schools only when acting as a body legally in session.

The School Committee shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of an individual School Committee member, including the chair, except when the School Committee through an adopted policy or by a majority vote of School Committee membership has delegated this authority to said member.

The duties and obligations of an individual School Committee member may be enumerated as follows:

1. To become familiar with the City charter, State school laws, regulations of the State Department of Educational and Cultural Services, and the policies and regulations of the Bangor School Department.
2. To take advantage of the various training opportunities which are offered locally, regionally, and nationally for School Committee members.
3. To have a general knowledge of educational aims and objectives of the system. To work harmoniously with other School Committee members and with City officials.
4. To vote and act in the School Committee meetings impartially for the good of the School Department.
5. To accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give whole-hearted support to the resulting policy or action.
6. To represent the School Committee and the district schools to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support.
7. To refer all suggestions and complaints to the Superintendent and to abstain from individual counsel and action.

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