

B. Code of Ethical School Standards & Basic Management Principles

2. School Committee Powers and Duties

A. The entire care, control, and management of all public schools interest in Narragansett is vested in the Narragansett School Committee. The Narragansett School Committee has, in addition to those enumerated elsewhere in Chapter 16 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, the following powers and duties:

- (1) To identify educational needs in the community.
- (2) To develop education policies to meet the needs of the community.
- (3) To provide for and assure the implementation of federal and state laws, the regulations of the board of regents for elementary and secondary education, and of local school policies, programs, and directives.
- (4) To provide for the evaluation of the performance of the school system.
- (5) To have responsibility for the care and control of local schools.
- (6) To have overall policy responsibility for the employment and discipline of school department personnel.
- (7) To approve a master plan defining goals and objectives of the school system. These goals and objectives shall be expressed in terms of what men and women should know and be able to do as a result of their educational experience. The committee shall periodically evaluate the efforts and results of education in light of these objectives.
- (8) To provide for the location, care, control, and management of school facilities and equipment.
- (9) To adopt a school budget to submit to the local appropriating authority.
- (10) To adopt any changes in the school budget during the course of the school year.
- (11) To approve expenditures in the absence of a budget, consistent with state law.
- (12) To employ a superintendent of schools and assign such compensation and other terms and conditions as the school committee and superintendent shall agree, provided that in no event shall the term of employment of the superintendent exceed three (3) years.

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- (13) To give advice and consent on the appointment by the superintendent of all school department personnel.
  - (14) To establish minimum standards for personnel, to adopt personnel policies, and to approve a table of organization.
  - (15) To establish standards for the evaluation of personnel.
  - (16) To establish standards for conduct in the schools and for disciplinary actions.
  - (17) To hear appeals from disciplinary actions.
  - (18) To enter into contracts.
  - (19) To publish policy manuals which shall include all school committee policies.
  - (20) To establish policies governing curriculum, courses of instruction, and text books.
  - (21) To provide for transportation services which meet or exceed standards of the board of regents for elementary and secondary education.
  - (22) To make such reports to the department of education as are required by the board of regents for elementary and secondary education.
  - (23) To delegate, consistent with law, such responsibilities to the superintendent as the committee may deem appropriate.
- B. Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to limit or otherwise interfere with the rights of teachers and other school employees to collectively bargain pursuant to chapters 9.3 and 9.4 of Title 28 or to allow the Narragansett School Committee to abrogate any agreement reached by collective bargaining.
- C. The Narragansett School Committees shall have the power to bind their successors and successor committees by entering into contracts of employment in the exercise of their governmental functions.
- D. Notwithstanding any provisions of the general laws to the contrary, the requirement defined in subsections (d) through (f) of this section shall apply. The Narragansett School Committee shall be responsible for maintaining a school budget, which does not result in expenses exceeding revenue.
- E. The school committee shall, within thirty (30) days after the close of the first and second

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quarters of the state's fiscal year, adopt such budget as may be necessary to enable it to operate without incurring a debt, as described in subsection (D).

- F. In the event that any obligation, encumbrance, or expenditure by the superintendent of schools or the Narragansett School Committee is in excess of the amount budgeted or that any revenue is less than the amount budgeted, and the shortfall cannot be corrected through reclassification of other budgeted items, the school committee shall within five (5) working days of its discovery of potential or actual over expenditure or revenue deficiency submit a written statement of the amount of and cause for the over obligation or over expenditure or revenue deficiency to the town council president and such other person who by local charter or statute serves as the city or town's executive officer; the statement shall further include a statement of the school committee's plan for corrective actions necessary to meet the requirements of subsection (D). The plan shall be approved by the auditor general.

Reference: Chapter 16-2-9 of the General laws of Rhode Island

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