

ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

It is the intent of this policy to encourage all board members to assume leadership roles based on their tenure on the Committee and interest in representing the Committee in a leadership capacity.

Nominations for each officer position – Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary -- will be made from the floor at the School Committee organizational meeting, which shall be convened as described in File BDA. Each officer shall be elected by a majority roll-call vote of the members present and voting. If no nominee receives a majority vote for a particular office, the election shall be declared null and void, and nominations will be reopened.

Members willing to accept nomination for the office of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary shall declare such willingness approximately one month prior to the Annual Town Election by providing written notice to the Chair and the Administrative Secretary. Senior members who have not held a particular office are strongly encouraged to submit their names as potential nominees.

For the purpose of defining seniority of school committee members under File BDA and File BDAA, the following rule shall apply. When two or more members are elected for the first time at the same election, and when both members have had identical lengths of service on the committee the senior member shall be determined by the member receiving the greater number of votes received in the election in which the members were first elected.

Ideally, the individual assuming the role of Vice-Chair will rotate into the role of Chair. The Committee considers it advisable that members complete at least two years with the Committee before serving as Chair and one year before becoming Vice-Chair or Secretary.

CROSS REFS.: BDA School Committee Organizational Meeting

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