

# BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## BB: BRAINTREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE LEGAL STATUS

The Braintree School Committee (BSC) is the governing board of the Town of Braintree's public-school system. 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 and the Town of Braintree Charter to carry out the educational policies of the state and guide the educational process.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. Composition, Term of Office - There shall be a school committee which shall consist of 7 members. Six of these members shall be nominated and elected by and from the voters of the town at large. The mayor shall serve, by virtue of office, as the seventh member of the school committee with all of the same powers and duties as the members elected by the voters as school committee members.
2. Term of Office - The term of office for the 6 school committee members elected by the voters shall be for 4 years each, beginning on the first business day of January in the year following their election, and until their successors have been qualified. The terms of office shall be so arranged that 3 terms shall be filled at each regular town election.
3. Eligibility - A school committee member shall at the time of election be a voter. If a school committee member removes from the town during the term for which elected, the office shall immediately be considered vacant and filled in the manner provided in Braintree's Town Charter in section 4-6.

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

Town of Braintree Charter, January 2009, ARTICLE 4, Section 4-1

SOURCE: MASC

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