

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY FAMILY	POWER AND RESPONSIBILITIES	101
<p><u>101.</u></p> <p>Policy-Making Body</p> <p>Approved 10/8/69</p> <p>Amended 11/20/85</p> <p>Amended 1/17/90</p> <p>Amended 12/6/95</p> <p>Amended 2/11/04</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Shrewsbury School Committee, elected by the citizens of the community, is directly responsible to the Massachusetts Department of Education for the operation of the public schools in accordance with state laws and department regulations and to the citizens of Shrewsbury for the quality of the educational program and responsible stewardship of the town's financial resources.</li> <li>2. The School Committee is the policy making body for the public schools and has the final authority in all matters relating to the operation of the schools, except in regard to finances where the Town Meeting under Chapter 71, Section 34 has the final bottom line authority over the public school budget. In addition, the School Committee does not determine health care nor retirement benefits. The School Committee does not maintain the school buildings nor construct new facilities. The maintenance of the buildings is the responsibility of the Public Buildings Department. New construction is the responsibility of a school building committee established and authorized by Town Meeting rule. At least one member of the School Committee, or its designee, shall be appointed to the Building Committee (Chapter 71, Section 68).</li> <li>3. The School Committee determines policy and enacts business only when meeting as a committee in a legally called meeting. Except in an emergency, School Committee meetings shall be posted forty-eight hours in advance, including Saturdays, excluding Sundays (Chapter 39, Section 23B).</li> <li>4. The Shrewsbury School Committee may change or revoke an existing policy or adopt and establish new policies by a majority vote of the committee members present at any regular meeting, provided that the policy item has appeared on the agenda of a previous regular meeting. In an emergency or in exigent circumstances, the committee, by majority vote, may suspend a policy or policies.</li> <li>5. Committee policies shall be reviewed by the School Committee periodically throughout the year.</li> </ol>	