

**Burlington School District Policy
B 8: BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS**

Former Policy BBBA

The Burlington School Board adheres to state law and the Burlington City Charter regarding eligibility and election of school commissioners.

Eligibility for Election to a School Board

A legal voter in a school district shall be eligible for election to a school board; however, a person shall not be eligible for election to a school board if he/she is regularly employed by the school district, or regularly employed by a school district in the same supervisory union. In certain circumstances, the Commissioner of Education can waive this restriction when the inability to hire a coach, supervisor of extra-curricular activities or a substitute who is not a school commissioner is not caused by any fault of the District.

Election of School Commissioners

The legal voters of each ward of the city shall elect, from among the legal voters of their respective wards, school commissioners to serve for terms hereinafter provided. Election of school commissioners in each ward shall be held on the first Tuesday in March in the year in which the term of office of the school commissioner therein shall expire. The candidate who receives a plurality of votes shall be elected as school commissioner so long as he/she has received forty percent (40%) of all votes cast for that office. If no one receives forty percent of the votes cast, then a runoff election shall be held consistent with Section 5 of Title II of the Burlington City Charter.

Cross References: Board Member Resignation, B 9, pertaining to resignations and filling vacancies.

Legal References: 16 V.S.A. §558
Burlington City Charter, Title II Sections 4 and 5, Title III, Section 164

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