

Resolution

Membership of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
Submitted by the Arlington School Committee

Whereas: The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has broad powers to set education policy and enact regulations for Massachusetts public schools; and

Whereas: The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has the power to choose a receiver to replace an elected school committee; and

Whereas: The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education governs educator licensure in Massachusetts; and

Whereas: Practicing educators and school committee members are prohibited from serving on the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas: The teaching profession is the only profession or trade in Massachusetts where the holders of a license are prohibited from serving on its governing board; and

Whereas: Professional expertise and a commitment to public governance should not disqualify a person from serving in a leadership role;

Therefore be it resolved that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees calls for the enactment of legislation to repeal the provision of Massachusetts law that prohibits practicing educators and sitting school committee members from serving on the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education;

Be it further resolved that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees calls for legislation to reconstitute the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by including members with expertise as licensed educators and members with expertise in public school governance.