

Legal Counsel

The Board recognizes that the increasing complexity for school District operations frequently requires procurement of professional legal services. Therefore, the Board shall designate an attorney and/or law firm to provide such services on an ongoing basis. The school attorney(s) shall be admitted to practice law in Connecticut. The Board reserves the right to obtain legal services outside of its designated attorney/law firm as deemed appropriate.

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the District shall normally be made by the Superintendent or Board Chairperson in accordance with Board policy and when an obvious need exists. The attorney(s) for the Board of Education shall be the legal advisor of the Board and its officers in questions related to their official duties and will provide professional legal counsel and representation for the Board and Superintendent.

Legal services required by the District may include, but are not limited to:

1. providing general legal advice to the Board and/or administration;
2. assisting with labor negotiations;
3. assisting with personnel matters;
4. assisting with expulsions and other disciplinary matters;
5. conduct and/or assist with pending or actual litigation involving the District;
6. other specialized legal services; and
7. attendance at Board meetings, conferences and other meetings as requested by the Board and/or Superintendent.

The performance of the school attorney(s) shall be subject to evaluation on a continuing basis by the Board of Education and Superintendent. The Board retains the right to terminate the service of any legal counsel.

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