

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD RELATIONSHIPS - BOARD ATTORNEY

An attorney will be selected by the Board of Education to serve as the legal advisor to the Board and the Superintendent. The Board attorney represents the School Board in its capacity as the governing body for the school district.

The Board attorney may be employed on a retainer or other fee arrangement as the Board and the attorney determine in advance. The Board attorney will provide services as described in the agreement for legal services. The District will only pay for legal services that are provided in accordance with the agreement for legal services or are otherwise authorized by this policy or a majority of the Board.

The attorney shall:

1. Serve as counselor to the Board and attend Board meetings when requested by the Superintendent or Board President.
2. Represent the District in any legal matter as requested by the Board.
3. Provide written opinions on legal questions when requested by the Superintendent or Board President.
4. Approve, prepare, or supervise the preparation of legal documents and instruments executed by the officers of the Board, and perform such other legal duties as the Board may request. Any Board member may request, subject to such reasonable limits as the Board may establish, that the attorney provide written or oral explanations of contracts, resolutions or other instruments presented to the Board for action or approval.
5. Be available for telephone consultation as requested by the Superintendent or designee, or the Board President.

The Superintendent may authorize the Board Attorney to represent the District in any legal matter until the Board has an opportunity to consider the matter.

The Board shall retain the right to consult or employ other attorneys on matters of special concern, or to terminate the service of any attorney.

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