

## **SCHOOL ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES**

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**Purpose:** To establish the basic structure for the board's need for and relationship with its attorney.

The increasing complexity of school operations requires the frequent procurement of legal services. Consequently, the board, by majority vote, may designate an attorney to counsel the board and administration on legal matters involving the district's welfare.

The attorney will serve at the pleasure of the board and will be paid for services rendered.

The board may ask the attorney to attend such board meetings or other meetings as may be needed. A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the school system will normally be made by the superintendent. Such action will be taken as consistent with board policy and as it meets an obvious need of the district. It may take place as a consequence of formal board direction.

Exception in unusual circumstances, the board will make all communications to the school attorney through the superintendent or board chairperson.

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