



Central Islip Union Free School District

Board of Education & School District Policy Book

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Section	Section Title	Type
2000	School Board Governance & Operations	Local
Policy	Policy Title	
2270	School Attorney	

The Board of Education shall retain legal counsel, who shall be appointed at the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education. The President of the Board, or the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, may contact the counsel on legal matters affecting the operation of the school district. This legal counsel will represent the Board of Education and shall report directly to the Board. The attorney shall have applicable legal expertise to represent the interests of the school district.

The Attorney must be admitted to the bar of New York State. The Attorney and/or law firm will be the legal advisor to the Board. In that capacity, the legal counsel's duties include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. to advise the Board with respect to all legal matters relating to the district, including, but not limited to, interpretation of the Education Law of the State of New York, and all other statutes, rules or regulations affecting the district;
2. to be easily accessible to the Board and the Superintendent of Schools (and, at the discretion of the Superintendent, to his/her administrative staff), with respect to legal matters arising out of the day-to-day administration of the district. This includes being available for Board meetings at the Board's request;
3. to review and to represent the district in the preparation of contracts, as requested by the district (other than the contract for school attorney services);
4. to advise and assist in matters of litigation pursuant to the retainer agreement;
5. to review the legality of all policies or regulations to be adopted by the Board;

6. to review and advise with respect to any legal papers served upon the district to commence legal action; and
7. to recommend the retainment of special counsel as he or she may deem necessary in the circumstances, subject to the approval of the Board. Retaining additional legal counsel shall be subject to the process outlined in Board policy. The school attorney and/or firm will report any censure, suspension or disbarment to the Board.

The President of the Board, or the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee may contact the counsel on legal matters affecting the operation of the school district.

The selection of the School Attorney shall be carried out in accordance with state law and regulation, as well as Board policy.

Any attorney working for the Board as legal counsel must be admitted to the bar of New York State and duly licensed to practice law in New York State.

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Cross Reference:

2210, Board Organizational Meeting

2410, Policy Development, Adoption, Implementation and Review

6700, Purchasing

6741, Contracting for Professional Services