

Bylaws of the Board

Attorney

The attorney of the New London Board of Education shall be the legal advisor of the Board and its officers in questions related to their official duties. The Board of Education may appoint, either on a full-time or retainer basis, an attorney or attorneys to serve as school attorney. The primary function of the attorney is to provide professional legal counsel and representation for the Board and Superintendent. The attorney 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 their designee, or Board Chairperson in accordance with Board policy and when an obvious need exists. Such services may also be obtained as a consequence of a formal vote of the Board.

The attorney shall:

1. Represent the Board of Education in legal proceedings.
2. Give his/her written opinion on all legal questions referred to him/her by the New London Board of Education or the Superintendent.
3. Attend New London Board of Education meetings, conferences and other meetings as requested by the Board, Superintendent, Board President or Board committee.
4. Fulfill such other legal duties as the New London Board of Education may assign.

The performance of the school attorney(s) shall be subject to annual evaluation by the New London Board of Education and the Superintendent. Such evaluation shall include the areas of efficiency and adequacy of advice; results obtained for the District; reasonableness of fees; and responsiveness to and interactions with the Board, administration, and community.

The Board retains the right to terminate the service of any attorney.

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