

Title: Legal Counsel

The Superintendent of Schools will recommend to the Board of Directors the names of attorneys and their respective firms to represent the Board and District when legal services are required in the following three areas:

1. Labor relations - consultation on contract negotiations, contract management and other matters related to employee relations;
2. General counsel to the Board - consultation and representation regarding legal matters directly involving action by the Board; and
3. General counsel to the District - consultation and representation regarding legal matters directly involving action by the administration.

The Board may appoint such legal counsel for a three-year period. Counsel may be contacted by the Superintendent, Board Secretary or the Board President. Other District officials and employees may contact the District's legal counsel with the consent of the Board President or Superintendent. Individual Board members other than the Board President are expected to consult School District's legal counsel only when the Board has voted to authorize such consultation. Otherwise, the Board member will pay any legal fees that may result.

Situations requiring specialized legal background or expertise may require the District to retain the services of other counsel and will serve only for the specific purpose for which appointed.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to keep the Board informed of matters for which legal counsel was consulted, particularly if the legal services will involve unusual expense for the District.

Cross References:

Legal References:

Iowa Code, Chapter 279.37

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