

**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.

The Attorney must be admitted to the bar of New York State. The Attorney will be the legal advisor to the Board. In that capacity, the Attorney's duties will be:

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 issuing out of the day-to-day administration of the district;
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 policies or regulations at the discretion of the Superintendent or the Board President;
6. to review and advise with respect to any process served upon the district; and
7. to recommend the retainment of such special counsel as he or she may deem necessary in the circumstances, subject to the approval of the Board.

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

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6741, Contracting for Professional Services

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