

RULES OF THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

BOARD RULE 1.18 LEGAL REPRESENTATION

(1) The City Attorney of Milwaukee shall be the legal advisor of and attorney for the Board, except that the Board may retain an attorney to represent the Board in any matter if the Board determines that it requires specialized legal expertise not possessed by the City Attorney; if the City Attorney does not have sufficient staff to adequately represent the interests of the Board; or if a conflict of interest exists. The Board shall provide the City Attorney with reasonable notice of any Board meeting at which the Board will consider retention of an attorney.

(2) It shall be the duty of counsel to provide opinions on specific legal problems presented to him/her by the following persons:

- (a) the President of the Board or designee on the Board;
- (b) the Superintendent of Schools and such members of his/her staff as he/she may designate. A copy of each request and response from the City Attorney shall be provided to the Superintendent;
- (c) the Board Clerk/Chief Officer, Office of Board Governance, and such members of his/her staff as he/she may designate. A copy of each request and response shall be provided to the Board Clerk/Chief Officer, Office of Board Governance;
- (d) The Senior Director Office of Accountability and Efficiency.

(3) Copies of all requests by any of the above named persons, as well as the responses to those requests, shall be provided to the Office of Board Governance and may be made public.

(4) The Milwaukee Board of School Directors or the Board Clerk/Chief Officer, Office of Board Governance, may submit requests for confidential legal opinions. Responses to such requests shall not be made public.

(5) Any privileged or confidential information held by the Board that has been requested from District staff in the course of their work shall be reviewed for possible release by the Board by the City Attorney and/or retained counsel. The release of such information shall be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations to ensure the protection of privileged communications and confidential materials.

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