

SCHOOL ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES

The Board recognizes that the increasing complexity of school district operations frequently requires procurement of professional legal services. Consequently, the Board may select an attorney and/or law firm for purposes of systematically providing such services. The Board shall prescribe the duties, compensation and term of service for the attorney and/or law firm. It shall be the duty of the counsel to advise the Board and to make recommendations concerning specific legal problems submitted. Districts including one (1) or more cities or towns having a total population of at least 30,000 may retain an attorney on an annual basis.

A decision to seek legal counsel or advice on behalf of the school district shall normally be made by the superintendent or by persons specifically authorized by the superintendent. It may also take place as a consequence of formal Board direction.

Many types of legal assistance to the district may be considered routine, and may not require specific Board approval or prior notice. However, when the administration concludes that unusual types or amounts of professional legal service may be required, the Board directs the administration to so advise it, and to expeditiously seek either initial or continuing authorization for such service.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Legal Refs: § 162.411, RSMo.

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