

POLICY: BBE

SCHOOL ATTORNEY

The Board recognizes that the complexity of School District operations frequently requires procurement of professional legal services. Consequently, it shall retain an attorney or law firm for purposes of systematically securing such services.

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the School District shall normally be made by the Superintendent or by persons specifically authorized by the Superintendent. Such action shall occur as it is consistent with approved District policy or standard practice and meets an obvious need of the District. It may also take place as a consequence of formal Board direction by majority vote, but Directors acting as individuals may not seek advice from the school attorney under this policy of procurement.

Many types of instances of legal assistance to the District may be considered routine and not necessitating specific Board approval or prior note. 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.

ADOPTED: Hanover 24 May 1977