

**Board Operations****Officers and Auxiliary Personnel****Legal Counsel**

The School Board recognizes that the increasing complexity of District operations frequently requires the procurement of professional legal services. Therefore, the Board shall retain an attorney and/or law firm to provide such services to the District on an ongoing basis. The Board reserves the right to obtain legal services outside of its designated attorney/law firm as deemed appropriate.

The attorney and/or law firm retained by the Board shall be licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin and have knowledge and experience in Wisconsin school law. The attorney and/or law firm shall serve as legal advisor to the Board and administration. In that capacity, the attorney and/or law firm will:

- Provide general advice to the Board and/or administration on District operational and other matters.
- Attend Board and other District meetings as requested by the Board, Superintendent or other designated school official.
- Assist with expulsions and other student disciplinary matters.
- Advise and assist in matters of litigation involving the District.
- Perform other special legal services as may be assigned by the Board, Superintendent or designee consistent with the retainer agreement.

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the District shall normally be made by Superintendent unless otherwise specified by the Board.

This policy does not limit Board members and other school officials from contacting sources other than the District's legal counsel for general legal information (i.e. the Department of Public Instruction or the Wisconsin Association of School Boards).

**Legal References:**                    **Section 120.10(14) Wisconsin Statutes**  
   **Section 120.13 (9m) Wisconsin Statutes**  
   **Section 120.15 (2) – (4) Wisconsin Statutes**

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