

Board Policy

Code No. 207

LEGAL COUNSEL

The Board of Directors will annually appoint legal counsel to represent the school corporation as necessary for proper conduct of legal affairs of the school corporation. Counsel will attend regular and special meetings of the Board when requested to do so, and will be available for consultation as needed.

Because it is often necessary to consult legal counsel and receive its expert opinion as part of background information to be used by the Board in making decisions, and because at times the school district may be involved in litigation and other legal matters, the Superintendent, or designee, Board President and the Board Secretary are authorized to seek counsel's services as needed. However, the Board of Directors wishes to be kept informed of legal matters that are other than routine, and of legal services that may involve unusual expense to the District.

Individual Board members are expected to consult school legal counsel upon approval of a majority of the board. Otherwise, the Board members will pay any legal fees that may result.

Legal Reference: *Bishop v. Iowa State Board of Public Instruction*, 395 N.W.2d 888 (Iowa 1986).
Iowa Code § 279.37 (2013).

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