

SCHOOL ATTORNEY

The Board may contract with an attorney or law firm at its discretion to advise and represent the district in all matters requiring legal counsel. The school attorney or law firm shall serve in an advisory capacity to both the Board and the district administrator.

The statutory authority to seek legal services contracted by the district shall rest with the authority of the board president under § 120.15(2) (3) (4).

The superintendent shall have access to legal services as authorized by the board president.

It is also recognized that all board members, in the performance of their official duties, shall have access to legal advice through the authority of the board president. Any conflict that may arise, if a request is denied, shall be resolved by an appeal process of board member(s) to the majority vote of the board of education.

If the request is accepted the matter shall be submitted to the proper legal counsel. The answer(s) or advice shall be returned to the board president and forwarded to the member(s).

Any written communication by fax, mail, e-mail or any other electronic means creates a public record under §Chapter 19. The board, through the administrator's office, shall create a confidential file that can be accessed only by the legal custodian or his/her delegate. Any request for information under §19.35 shall be provided only after review and redacting to remove all confidential information as defined by the state statutes.

Detailed invoices of legal fees shall be made available to board members on a monthly basis.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 120.10(14) Wisconsin Statutes
 Sections 120.13(9m)
 Sections 120.15(2) - (4)

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