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SCHOOL ATTORNEY

The Board recognizes that the increasing complexity of school district operations frequently requires procurement of professional legal services. Consequently, Board shall empower the Superintendent to contract with legal counsel as deemed appropriate for each specific need.

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance in 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.

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