

## **SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

It shall be the responsibility of the board to employ legal counsel to assist the board and the administration in carrying out their duties with respect to the numerous legal issues confronting the school district. The board may appoint legal counsel on an annual basis.

The superintendent and board president shall have the authority to contact the board's legal counsel on behalf of the board when the superintendent or board president believe it is necessary for the management of the school district. The board's legal counsel may attend regular or special school board meetings upon the request of the board or the superintendent. Other board members may contact legal counsel upon approval of a majority of the board. It shall be the responsibility of each board member to pay the legal fees, if any, of an attorney the board member consulted regarding matters of the school district unless the board has authorized the board member to consult an attorney on the matter in accordance with this policy.

The legal counsel's services will include, but not be limited to:

1. Furnishing general legal advice in policy development and on relations with employees, employee organizations, pupils, parents, district residents and other governmental and nongovernmental groups and agencies;
2. Aiding the well-being of the school district;
3. Rendering services in impending or actual litigation involving the school system as a whole or any unit, individual, or groups of individuals connected with the school district.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to keep the board informed of matters for which legal counsel was consulted if the legal services will involve unusual expense for the school district.

Legal Reference:                      Neb. Statute 79-513

Cross Reference:                      201.01 Board Powers and Responsibilities

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