

Legal Counsel

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to employ legal counsel to assist the Board and the administration in carrying out their duties with respect to the legal issues confronting the District. The Board of Directors may appoint legal counsel at its annual meeting.

The Superintendent and Board Secretary have the authority to contact the Board's legal counsel on behalf of the Board when the Superintendent or Board Secretary believes it is necessary for the management of the District. In addition, the Board President may contact and seek advice from the Board's legal counsel in matters related to the performance of his/her official duties. The Board's legal counsel will attend both regular and special Board meetings upon the request of the Board President or the Superintendent.

Board members may contact legal counsel upon approval of a majority of the Board. It is the responsibility of each Board member to pay the legal fees, if any, of an attorney the Board member consulted regarding matters of the District unless the Board has authorized the Board member to consult an attorney on the matter.

It is 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 District.

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

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