

The School Board may retain an attorney or attorneys as needed to advise and represent the District in matters requiring legal counsel. The school attorney will serve in an advisory capacity to both the Board and the administration.

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the District shall normally be made by District Administrator, unless otherwise specified by the Board.

This policy does not limit Board members and other school officials from contacting sources other than the District's legal counsel for general legal information. For example, the Department of Public Instruction or the Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

## Legal References:

[Section 120.10\(14\)](#) [annual meeting power to direct legal proceedings in which the district is interested – *for unified school districts, this is a power of the board and the legal reference should be clarified accordingly*]

[Section 120.13\(9m\)](#) [school board power to retain legal services]

[Section 120.15](#) [board president duties; defend and prosecute actions on behalf of district]

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