**BOARD ATTORNEY** *Policy Code:* **2610**

As needed, the board will enter into contracts for legal service to the school, including both legal advice and representation in litigation. Any attorney retained by the board or the executive director through school funds represents the legal entity of the school and not any individual board member or administrator.

The executive director may consult with the board attorney as needed to carry out administrative operations and to protect the board and school from liability. No other staff may consult with the board attorney without approval of the executive director.

The chairperson of the board will determine when board members may seek legal advice or assistance on school matters. If an individual member of the board desires to consult directly with the attorney, the board member must notify the chairperson of the legal information to be sought. If it is determined that legal assistance is necessary and has not been sought previously for this matter, the board member will be directed to consult individually with the attorney. Questions raised by members of the board and the attorney’s replies will be reported to all board members. The chairperson of a board committee may consult with the board attorney on issues that arise out of and in connection with the committee’s work. The inquiry and response will be reported to all board members.

Legal References:

Cross References:

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