

**POLICY RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATION**

***SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNSEL***

It will be the duty of the counsel(s) for the Committee to advise the School Committee and the Superintendent on the specific legal problems submitted to him/her. He/she will attend meetings upon request and will be sufficiently familiar with Committee policies, practices, actions under these policies, and with requirements of the school law to enable him/her to offer the necessary legal advice.

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the District may be made by the Committee or the Superintendent.

Many types of legal assistance are routine and do not require specific Committee approval or prior notice. However, when the Superintendent concludes that anticipated legal services could be extensive or unusual, he/she will advise the Committee and seek either initial or continuing authorization for such service. The Superintendent will provide a monthly report to the Legal Affairs Subcommittee on all legal expenditures.

The Legal Affairs Subcommittee, in consultation with the Superintendent, shall annually recommend to the Committee the appointment of legal counsel(s). The Committee shall annually appoint legal counsel to address issues determined by the Committee.

Partial source: MASC

Legal Refs: M.G.L. 71:37E; 71:37F

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