

Series 9000 - Bylaws of the Board

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B. Officers and Auxiliary Personnel

(5) Use of Legal Counsel

The attorney for the Suffield Board of Education shall be the legal advisor of the Board and its officers in questions related to their official duties. The Board may appoint, either on a full-time or retainer basis, an attorney or attorneys to serve as school attorney. The primary function of the attorney is to provide professional legal counsel and representation for the Board and Superintendent.

A decision to seek legal advice on behalf of the District shall normally be made by the Superintendent or Board chair in accordance with Board policy and when an obvious need exists. Such services may also be obtained as a consequence of a formal vote of the Board.

The attorney shall:

- 1) Represent the Board in legal proceedings.
- 2) Give his/her written opinion on all legal questions referred to him/her by the Suffield Board of Education or the Superintendent.
- 3) Attend Suffield Board of Education meetings, conferences and other meetings as requested by the Board, Superintendent, Board chair or Board committee.
- 4) Fulfill such other legal duties as the Suffield Board of Education may assign.

The Board retains the right to terminate the service of any attorney.