



**Board Policy BBE: School Board Attorney**

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~~**Board Members Request for Legal Services from General Counsel and Other Attorneys**~~

The DeKalb County Board of Education will retain general counsel knowledgeable in school law to provide legal advice and counsel to the board in the performance of its duties, litigation, and other legal services. The general counsel will serve at the pleasure of the board and be compensated for services rendered. The general counsel must attend all board meetings and other meetings at the request of the board, where legal services may be needed.

In that the chair represents the board, if an individual board member deems it necessary to seek a formal legal opinion from the general counsel, it must be coordinated through the chair.

~~In the event a fee is to be incurred, if an individual Board Member, or less than a majority of the members of the Board shall deem it advisable for the District to retain, or use legal services on a particular matter, they shall transmit the suggestion to the Superintendent, who shall act on the request by (1) seeking the legal services should he deem it advisable to do so, and the financial commitment therefore is within the scope of discretion, or (2) submit the request to the Chair, who shall, along with the Superintendent and the advice of General Counsel, determine whether the request shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Board of Education for possible action. In no way is this policy intended to limit the right of a member of the Board of Education to seek legal services on his or her own behalf, the cost of which is to be born by the individual member.~~

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