

BOARD POLICY
School Board Attorney

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The Bibb County Board of Education ("Board") recognizes that the increasing complexity of school district operations frequently requires professional legal services. The Board is also committed to ensuring that both the Board and the Bibb County School District ("District") have access to high quality legal services in the fulfillment of their duties. To that end, the Board will work with the Superintendent to retain an attorney or law firm ("Legal Counsel") to assist the Board and/or the District on legal matters.

Legal Counsel will serve three primary functions: (1) to represent the Board and the District's interests in litigation; (2) to provide legal advice on general matters that arise in the ongoing operation of the school system; and (3) to provide legal advice and counsel to the Board in the performance of its duties, including review, development, and revision of Board policies.

If an individual Board member desires to consult directly with Legal Counsel, the Board member will notify the Superintendent or his or her designee of the legal information to be sought. If it is determined that legal assistance is necessary and has not been previously sought on the matter, the Board member will be directed to consult individually with Legal Counsel. Questions raised by Board members and Legal Counsel's replies will be reported to all Board members. The chairperson of a Board committee may consult with Legal Counsel 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.

The Superintendent in his discretion, may, but is not required to, employ in-house counsel and may assign in-house counsel such duties as the Superintendent believes are necessary to meet the needs of the District. Such in-house counsel must be an active member in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia.