



Board Policy BBE: School Board Attorney

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RED LINED VERSION

The DeKalb County Board of Education will retain general counsel a School Board Attorney knowledgeable in school law to provide legal advice and counsel to the board Board in the performance of its duties, litigation, and other legal services. The general counsel School Board Attorney represents the Board. The Board may retain special counsel when appropriate due to subject-matter need, workload, conflict of interest, or other circumstances determined by the Board.

The School Board Attorney will serves at the pleasure of the board Board and will be compensated for services rendered. The School Board Attorney will Unless otherwise directed by the Board Chair, the The general counsel School Board Attorney will must attend all b Board meetings and other meetings when requested by the Board Chair as representative of the Board. at the request of the board, where legal services may be needed.

In that the The Board Chair chair represents the board, Board, if an individual Individual board member requests for a formal legal opinion from the School Board Attorney deems it necessary to seek a formal legal opinion from the general counsel, it must be coordinated through the chair Board Chair.

The Board Chair serves as the Board's spokesperson and coordinates communications with the School Board Attorney on behalf of the Board. Individual Board member requests for formal written legal opinions or guidance must be coordinated through the Board Chair in accordance with Board procedures, or pursuant to the majority of the Board. The School Board Attorney will not provide counsel to individual Board members regarding matters of personal concern that do not relate to Board service or represent individual Board members in personal legal matters.
