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Attorney

The attorney for Regional School District 17 shall be the legal advisor for the Board and its officers regarding questions related to their official duties. The Board may appoint, either full time or on a retainer basis, a law firm to serve as its legal counsel. The primary function of the attorney is to provide legal representation to the Board and the Superintendent.

The Board attorney shall:

1. Advise the Board with respect to all legal matters relating to Regional School District 17 including, but not limited to, interpretation of the Connecticut General Statutes and all other statutes, rules and regulations affecting the District.
2. Be easily accessible to the Board or Superintendent (or at the discretion of the Superintendent to his or her administrative staff) with respect to legal matters related to the day to day operation of the District.
3. Review and represent the District in the preparation of any and all contracts which the District may be obliged to execute, other than purchase orders issued for the purchase of goods, equipment and services.
4. Give his or her written opinion on all legal questions referred to him or her by the Superintendent or Board Chairperson.
5. Attend Board of Education meetings, conferences and other meetings as requested by the Board, the Superintendent or Board committees.
6. Upon request, review the legality of rules, regulations and bylaws to be adopted by the Board.

The Board and Superintendent shall conduct an annual review of the performance of the Board attorney. At least every five years, or sooner if requested by the Board, District 17 will solicit responses to a Request for Proposals for District legal services.