

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY MANUAL

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LEGAL SERVICES

Policy Statement

The Trumbull Board of Education recognizes that the increasing complexity of school district operations can require procurement of professional legal services. Therefore, the Board shall designate an attorney and/or law firm to provide such services on an ongoing basis. The attorney and/or law firm shall be the legal advisor of the Board and its officers in questions related to their official duties. The primary function of the attorney and/or law firm is to provide professional legal counsel and representation for the Board and the Superintendent. These may include, but not be limited to: providing general legal advice to the Board and/or administration; assisting with labor negotiations; assisting with personnel matters; assisting with expulsions and other disciplinary matters; conducting and/or assisting with pending or actual litigation involving the District; and other specialized legal services. All attorney(s) shall be admitted to practice law in Connecticut. The Board reserves the right to obtain legal services outside of its designated attorney and/or law firm as deemed appropriate.

The use of legal services must be prudent and cost-effective. The persons authorized to confer with and/or seek the legal advice of the Board attorney and/or law firm are the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, the Business Administrator, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and the Chairman of the Board. The Board may authorize a specific member to confer with legal counsel on its behalf.

Bills for legal services will be reviewed at each Regular meeting of the Finance Committee and then at the subsequent meeting of the full Board of Education.

Adopted: 1/14/2020

Reference

- Trumbull Board of Education Policy Code 9312: The Bylaws of the Trumbull Board of Education