

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
BOARD POLICY**

BOARD OPERATIONS

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

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The School Board may retain an attorney and/or law firm as needed to advise and represent the District in matters requiring legal counsel. The attorney and/or law firm retained by the Board shall be licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin and have knowledge and experience in Wisconsin school law. The school attorney will serve in an advisory capacity to both the Board and the administration

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the District shall normally be made by the District Administrator or Board President unless otherwise specified by the Board.

This policy does not limit Board members and other school officials from contacting sources other than the District's legal counsel for general legal information. For example, the Department of Public Instruction or the Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

Legal References:

Section 120.10(14) [annual meeting power to direct legal proceedings in which the district is interested]
Section 120.13(9m) [school board power to retain legal services]
Section 120.15 [board president duties; defend and prosecute actions on behalf of district]

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