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ATTORNEY

The School Committee may employ a legal counsel for general purposes. The Committee and the Superintendent may seek his services to counsel and represent the Chicopee Public Schools at various times. The Committee may also seek the advice of the city solicitor on certain issues.

It will be the duty of the counsel for the Committee to advise the School Committee and the Superintendent on the specific legal problems submitted to him. He will attend meetings upon request and will be sufficiently familiar with Committee policies, practices, and actions under these policies, and with requirements of the school law to enable him to offer the necessary legal advice.

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the Chicopee Public Schools will be made by the Committee. The Superintendent may also take such action at the direction of the Committee.

The attorney shall advise individual members with regard to pending or possible board action.

Many types of legal assistance are routine and do not require specific Committee approval or prior notice. However, when the Superintendent concludes that unusual types or amounts of professional legal service may be required, he will advise the Committee and seek either initial or continuing authorization for such service.

Legal Refs.: M.G.L. 71:37E; 71:37F

1st reading: Reg SC Mtg 12/21/2011

2nd reading: Reg SC Mtg 12/21/2011