

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
October 22, 2019

SUBJECT:

Policy BDG Board Attorney/Legal Services - Second Reading

BACKGROUND:

Policy BDG establishes the basic structure for the relationship between the board and legal services.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The complexity of school board operations requires the procurement of legal services. Consequently, this policy allows the Board, by a majority vote, to designate attorneys or law firm(s) to counsel the Board and administration on legal matters involving the District's welfare.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Policy BDG on final reading

ATTACHMENT:

Policy BDG Board Attorney/Legal Services

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Policy

BOARD ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES

Code BDG Issued _____

The complexity of school board operations requires the procurement of legal services. Consequently, the Board, by a majority vote, may designate attorneys or law firm(s) to counsel the Board and administration on legal matters involving the District's welfare.

The attorneys will be licensed to practice law in South Carolina and will possess any additional qualifications as the Board finds appropriate.

The attorneys will serve at the pleasure of the Board and will be paid for services rendered.

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the District may be made by the Superintendent or his/her designee, the Board Chair, or may take place as a consequence of formal Board direction. The Board Chair or Superintendent may ask the attorneys to attend such Board meetings or other meetings as may be needed.

Except in unusual circumstances, the Board will make all communications to the Board attorneys through the Superintendent, or his/her designee, or the Board chairman. The attorneys report to the District Board. Upon request of the Board Chairman or Superintendent, the attorneys will provide a timely status report to the Board on litigation and other legal matters.

Adopted __/__/19