

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

November 17, 2020

SUBJECT:

Changes to Policy BDG Board Attorney/Legal Service, Final Reading

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Policy GDB establishes the basic structure for district legal services.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The policy provides that all communications to the board attorneys will be made through the board chair or superintendent. The proposed change permits any member of the board to communicate with the board attorneys.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve changes to BDG Board Attorney/Legal Service on final reading

ATTACHMENTS:

BDG Board Attorney/Legal Service

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The complexity of school board operations required 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 member~~, 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 chair.~~ The attorneys report to the district board. Upon request of the board chair or superintendent, the attorneys will provide a timely status report to the board on litigation and other legal matters.

Adopted 10/22/19: ~~Revised xx/xx/xx~~