

**SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

**It shall be the responsibility of the board to employ legal counsel to assist the board and the administration in carrying out their duties with respect to the numerous legal issues confronting the school district. The Board may appoint legal counsel on an annual basis.**

**The superintendent and board president shall have the authority to contact the board's legal counsel on behalf of the board when the superintendent or board president believes it is necessary for the management of the school district. The board's legal counsel may attend regular or special school board meetings upon request of the board or the superintendent. Other board members may contact legal counsel upon approval of a majority of the board. It shall be the responsibility of each board member to pay the legal fees, if any, of the attorney the board member consulted regarding matters of the school district unless the board has authorized the board member to consult an attorney on the matter in accordance with this policy.**

**It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to keep the board informed of matters which legal counsel was consulted, particularly if the legal services will involve unusual expense for the district.**

**Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-513**

**Cross Reference: 201.1 Board Powers and Responsibilities**

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