

**Section B                    School Board Governance and Operation**

**BDG                            School Attorney/Legal Service**

Region 8 recognizes that the increasing complexity of school operations frequently requires professional legal services.

A decision to seek legal advice on behalf of the school shall be made by the Director or Board Chair when the need exists. Such services may also be obtained through a formal vote of the Board.

Legal services may include, but not be limited to:

- A. Providing general legal advice to the Board.
- B. Assisting with labor negotiations.
- C. Assisting with personnel matters.
- D. Assisting with student disciplinary matters.
- E. Conduct and/or assist with pending or actual litigation involving the school.
- F. Other specialized services.
- G. Attendance at Board meetings or other activities as appropriate.

Many types of legal services are routine and do not require specific approval.

The Board shall designate counsel for the Cooperative Board during its yearly organizational meeting. All communications with the Board attorney shall be through the Director or the Board Chair.

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