

ATTORNEY

Policy

The attorney of the Torrington Board of Education shall be the legal advisor of the Board and its officers in questions related to their official duties. The Board of Education may appoint either on a full-time or retainer basis, an attorney or attorneys to serve as school attorney. The primary function of the attorney is to provide professional legal counsel and representation for the Board and Superintendent.

The attorney shall:

1. Represent the Board of Education in legal proceedings.
2. Give his/her written opinion on all legal questions referred to him/her by the Torrington Board of Education or the Superintendent.
3. Attend Torrington Board of Education meetings, conferences and other meetings as requested by the Board, Superintendent, Board Chairperson or Board committee.
4. Fulfill such other legal duties as the Torrington Board of Education may assign.

The performance of the school attorney(s) shall be subject to annual evaluation by the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

In addition to the Board appointed attorney, it is recognized that there may be situations in which the Superintendent shall be responsible for hiring special legal counsel for circumstances which may require such counsel, apart from the Board's previously appointed legal advisor. In such instances, the Superintendent shall notify the Board Leadership of any hires pursuant to this section, and the reason for such hire, in a timely manner, except for expulsion and transportation hearings.

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