

**West Linn-Wilsonville
School District 3J**

Code: **BCG**
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Attorney for the District

The Board recognizes that the increasing complexity of school district operations frequently requires procurement of professional legal services. Consequently, it shall retain an attorney or law firm for purposes of systematically securing such services. A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the district shall normally be made by the superintendent or by persons specifically authorized by the superintendent. The Board chair, with approval of the majority of the Board, may seek legal advice on behalf of the Board.

Many types of instances of legal assistance to the district may be considered routine and not necessitating specific Board approval or prior note. However, when the superintendent concludes that unusual types or amounts of professional legal service may be required, the Board directs the superintendent to so advise it and to seek either initial or continuing authorization for such service.

The attorney for the district shall be selected from among the most qualified who is able and willing to provide legal services within district budget limitations.

The attorney is retained to provide legal services only on official district affairs and shall not provide district employees or Board members with personal or private legal services at district expense.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.072](#)
[ORS 332.505](#)