

ATTORNEY

The Governing Board recognizes the complex legal environment in which school districts operate and desires reliable, dependable legal advice. The Board also supports collaborative legal efforts with other agencies and districts in order to promote the district's interests.

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

The Board may use the county counsel, district attorney, or private attorneys to meet the needs of the district.

The district's legal counsel may:

1. Render legal advice to the Board and the Superintendent or designee.
2. Serve the Board and the Superintendent or designee in the preparation and conduct of district litigation and administrative proceedings.
3. Render advice on school bond and tax increase measures and prepare the necessary forms for the voting of these measures.
4. Perform other administrative duties as assigned by the Board and Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent may confer with the district's legal counsel at his/her discretion and shall provide the Board with desired legal information when so directed by a majority of the Board.

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

(cf. 9200 - Members (Limits of Authority))

(cf. 9321 - Closed Sessions/Purposes and Agendas)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35041 *Administrative adviser*

35041.5 *Legal counsel: Relieving duties of county counsel and district attorney*

35204 *Contract with attorney in private practice*

35205 *Contract for legal services*

GOVERNMENT CODE

814-895.8 *Liability of public entities and public employees*

995-996.6 *Defense of public employees*

26520 *Legal services to school districts*

26522 *Services re school bond issue*

Bylaw

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Visalia, California