

Bylaws of the Board

Attorney

Any attorney(s) hired by the Thomaston 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.

To ensure the prudent and cost-effective use of legal services, the District will limit and designate the persons with the authority to request services or advice from contracted legal counsel. The persons authorized to confer with and/or seek the legal advice of the board attorney include the Superintendent or his/her designee, Business Manager, Special Education Director, and Chairperson of the Board. The Board may authorize a specific member to confer with legal counsel on its behalf. Legal counsel will not be used unnecessarily to make management decisions or to obtain readily available information such as district policies.

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 Thomaston Board of Education or the Superintendent.
3. Attend Thomaston 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 Thomaston Board of Education may assign.

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