

**Linn Benton Lincoln  
Education Service District**

Code: **BCG**  
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Readopted: 10/10/07

**Board Legal Counsel**

The Board may appoint an attorney to advise and represent the ESD. If legal counsel is appointed, such appointment shall be reviewed annually.

The Board's attorney will be the chief legal advisor to the district. It is his/her responsibility to:

1. Be present as requested at meetings of the Board;
2. Advise the Board and its officials when requested to do so on legal matters;
3. Advise the Board and superintendent on points of law where the rights and liabilities of the district may be affected;
4. Prosecute legal actions brought by the Board and defend legal actions brought against the Board.

A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the ESD will normally be made by the Board chair or the superintendent. It may take place as a consequence of formal Board direction.

Many types of legal assistance will be considered routine and will not need specific Board approval. When the superintendent concludes that an unusual type or amount of legal service may be required, the Board directs the superintendent to advise the Board expeditiously of such need and to seek either initial or continuing authorization for such service.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 334.125](#)

[ORS 334.225](#)