

**RETAINING AN ATTORNEY**

**[As a member of the North Dakota School Boards Association, the District has access to the Legal Services program. The Board directs the administration to utilize this program to its fullest extent, employing an attorney only as required by the unique or extensive nature of the problem.]**

When the Board determines legal counsel is necessary it may employ an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of North Dakota. A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the District shall normally be made by the Superintendent or Board President, or by persons specifically authorized by the Superintendent or President, but the Board may also formally direct the Superintendent to seek such counsel. The superintendent's decision shall be consistent with approved district policy or standard practice. However, when the Superintendent concludes that unusual types or amounts of professional legal service may be required, the Superintendent shall seek board authorization prior to obtaining legal counsel.

**End of Oberon School District #16 Policy BDBB..... Adopted:**