

ARTICLE VI½. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SOLICITOR

Sec. 1. Appointment.

There shall be a school department solicitor who shall be appointed by a majority of the school committee to serve at the pleasure of the school committee.
(Amend. of 11-3-87; Amend. of 11-2-2010)

Sec. 2. Qualifications.

The school department solicitor shall be an attorney-at-law in good standing who has been admitted to the practice of law by both the Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island and by the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island at least three years prior to his appointment with preference given to a qualified elector of the town. He shall not hold any other office in the town government except that of acting judge of probate when so necessary.
(Amend. of 11-3-87; Amend. of 11-2-2010)

Sec. 3. Compensation.

The school department solicitor shall not be required to devote full time to the duties of his office. He shall receive such compensation as shall be set by the school committee.
(Amend. of 11-3-87; Amend. of 11-2-2010)

Sec. 4. Duties.

(1) The school department solicitor shall be the attorney for the school department and legal advisor to superintendent of schools, the school committee and all other departments, offices and agencies of the school department. He or she shall appear for and protect the rights of the school department in all actions, suits or proceedings, civil or criminal, in law or equity, brought by or against it or for or against any of its departments, officers or agencies and shall perform such other duties appropriate to his or her office as the school committee may require.
(Amend. of 11-2-2010)

(2) The school department solicitor shall examine and approve the forms of all ordinances and resolutions and the forms of all invitations for bids, contracts and other legal documents sent out by any department, office or agency of the school department.

(3) All written legal opinions furnished to the superintendent of schools, school committee and all offices and agencies of the school department shall be filed with the town clerk and become a public record.
(Amend. of 11-3-87)

Sec. 5. Special powers.

This article shall not be deemed to abridge such special powers as are now and hereafter conferred upon school department solicitors by state law.

(Amend. of 11-3-87; Amend. of 11-2-2010)