

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

FILE CODE: 0175 CONTRACTS WITH INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS

The Board of Education may from time to time engage the services of one or more independent contractors to advise and assist the Board.

The Board will seek competitive bids for consulting contracts when required to do so by State law or regulation (see Policies #6422 and 6320). The Board will engage the services of an independent consultant only by written contract, which must specify the work to be accomplished by the consultant, the time within which the work is to be completed, and the fee that will be paid the consultant. An independent consultant engaged by the Board is neither agent nor employee of the Board and may represent the Board only as expressly authorized to do so in writing.

An independent consultant may have access to such school facilities and school district employees as may be reasonably required in the performance of the consultant's contract with the Board. Except as expressly permitted by the contract, any communication between the consultant and a district employee or community member regarding the work of the contract must be conducted through the Board or a designated school official.

The Board will not contract with a Board member or the spouse, child, parent, or sibling, in fact or in law, of a Board member as an independent consultant.

Materials and reports generated and created by the independent consultant in the performance of his or her contract with the Board are and will remain the property of the Board.

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