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SCHOOLS

RE: Boards of Arbitration

We have received your request for an opinion in regard to the above statute.

Your specific question is whether it is mandatory for or discretionary with the county superintendent of schools to call a board of arbitration when requested to do so by a dissatisfied patron.

As we interpret this law, it is a right of a patron who feels aggrieved to ask for a board of arbitration, consisting of one person named by the patron, one by the board, and the county superintendent serves as the third member of the board of arbitration.

If there is a dispute and if arbitration is requested by a patron, we believe it is mandatory for the county superintendent to serve on such board, and we believe a patron has a legal right to submit his grievances to such board.

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