

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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CONFIRMATION

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Southerton, Director of Business and Operations
DATE: July 10, 2024
SUBJECT: **Appoint Garrett, Hemann, Robertson, et al P.C.; Hungerford Law Firm; Jim Shannon, of Mersereau Shannon LLP; Perkins Coie; Dunn Carney as District Legal Counsel**

In 1996, the Board appointed Garrett, Hemann, et al, to provide legal services for the district. At that time, the recommendation was that Bischof & Hungerford, Attorneys (now Hungerford Law Firm), would continue to represent the district in most labor relations' issues and special education issues. Garrett, Hemann, et al, serves as a backup to the Hungerford Law Firm and represents Centennial in all other areas where legal services are required. Garrett, Hemann, et al, has the capability to deal better with everyday issues from a more generalist approach with an area specialist being used when needed.

Since this arrangement has served the district well over the years, the administration supports its continuation of these appointments.

It is further recommended that Jim Shannon, of Mersereau Shannon, LLP, Perkins Coie and Dunn Camey be appointed as the district's legal representatives to provide bond and property counsel.

It is recommended that the Board appoint Garrett, Hemann, et al, Hungerford Law Firm, Jim Shannon, Perkins Coie and Dunn Camey to provide legal services in their respective areas of specialty for the 2024-2025 school year.