

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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CONFIRMATION

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Southerton, Chief Financial Officer & Director of Operations

DATE: July 1, 2026

SUBJECT: **Appoint Garrett, Hemann, Robertson, et al P.C.; Hungerford Law Firm; Jim Shannon, of Mersereau Shannon LLP; Perkin Coie; Dunn Carney and CDR Law Firm 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 Carney be appointed as the district's legal representatives to provide bond and property counsel, along with CDR Law Firm to be appointed as the district's legal representative to provide labor negotiations counsel.

It is recommended that the Board appoint Garrett, Hemann, et al, Hungerford Law Firm, Jim Shannon, Perkins Coie, Dunn Carney and CDR Law Firm to provide legal services in their respective areas of specialty for the 2026-2027 school year.