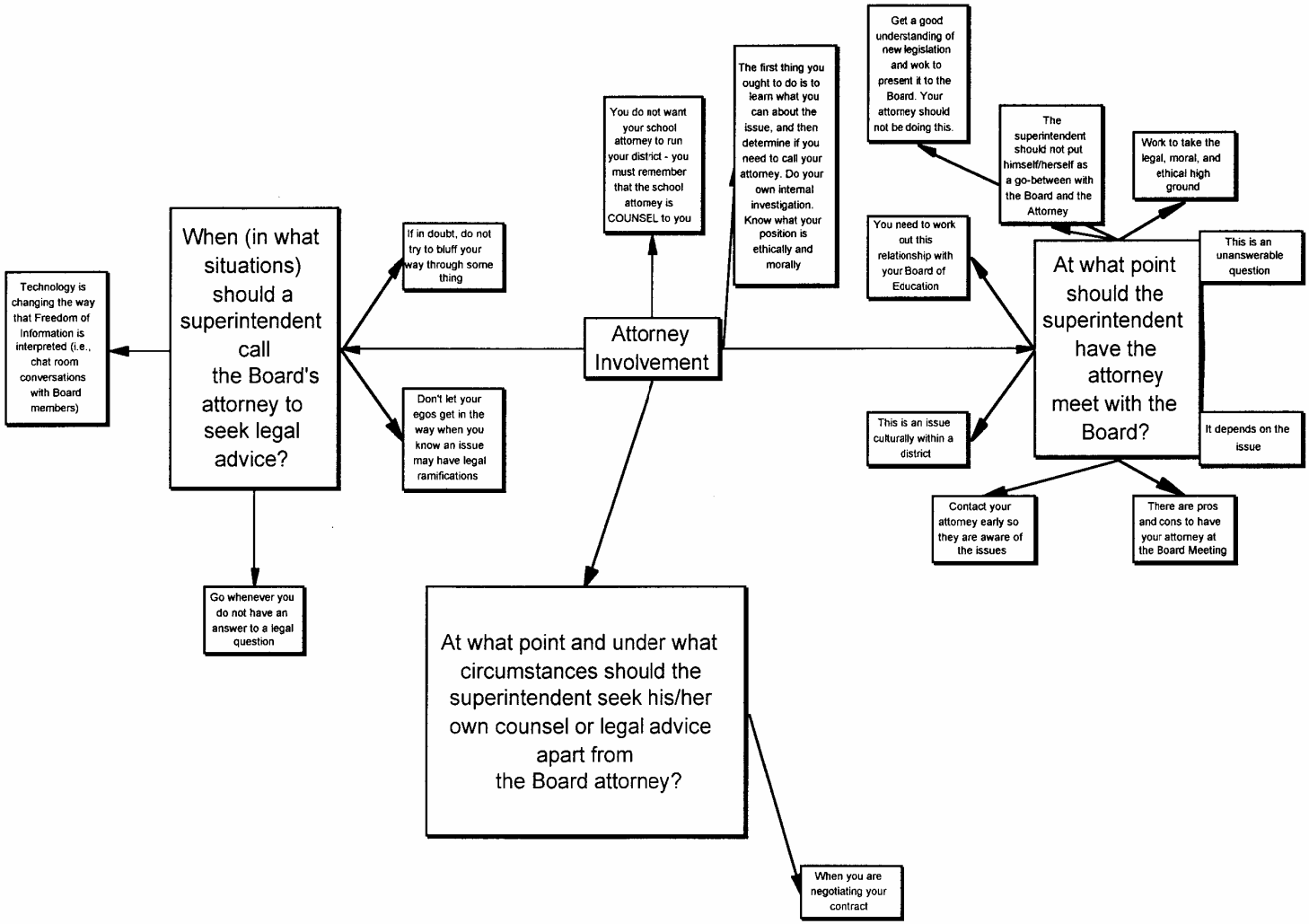
Attorney Involvement
When (in what situations) should a superintendent call the Board's attorney to seek legal advice?
Technology is changing the way that Freedom of Information is interpreted (i.e., chat room conversations with Board members)
If in doubt, do not try to bluff your way through some thing
Don't let your egos get in the way when you know an issue may have legal ramifications
Go whenever you do not have an answer to a legal question
You do not want your school attorney to run your district - you must remember that the school attorney is COUNSEL to you
The first thing you ought to do is to learn what you can about the issue, and then determine if you need to call your attorney. Do your own internal investigation. Know what your position is ethically and morally
At what point should the superintendent have the attorney meet with the Board?
Get a good understanding of new legislation and wok to present it to the Board. Your attorney should not be doing this.
The superintendent should not put himself/herself as a go-between with the Board and the Attorney
Work to take the legal, moral, and ethical high ground
You need to work out this relationship with your Board of Education
This is an unanswerable question
This is an issue culturally within a district
It depends on the issue
Contact your attorney early so they are aware of the issues
There are pros and cons to have your attorney at the Board Meeting
At what point and under what circumstances should the superintendent seek his/her own counsel or legal advice apart from the Board attorney?
When you are negotiating your contract