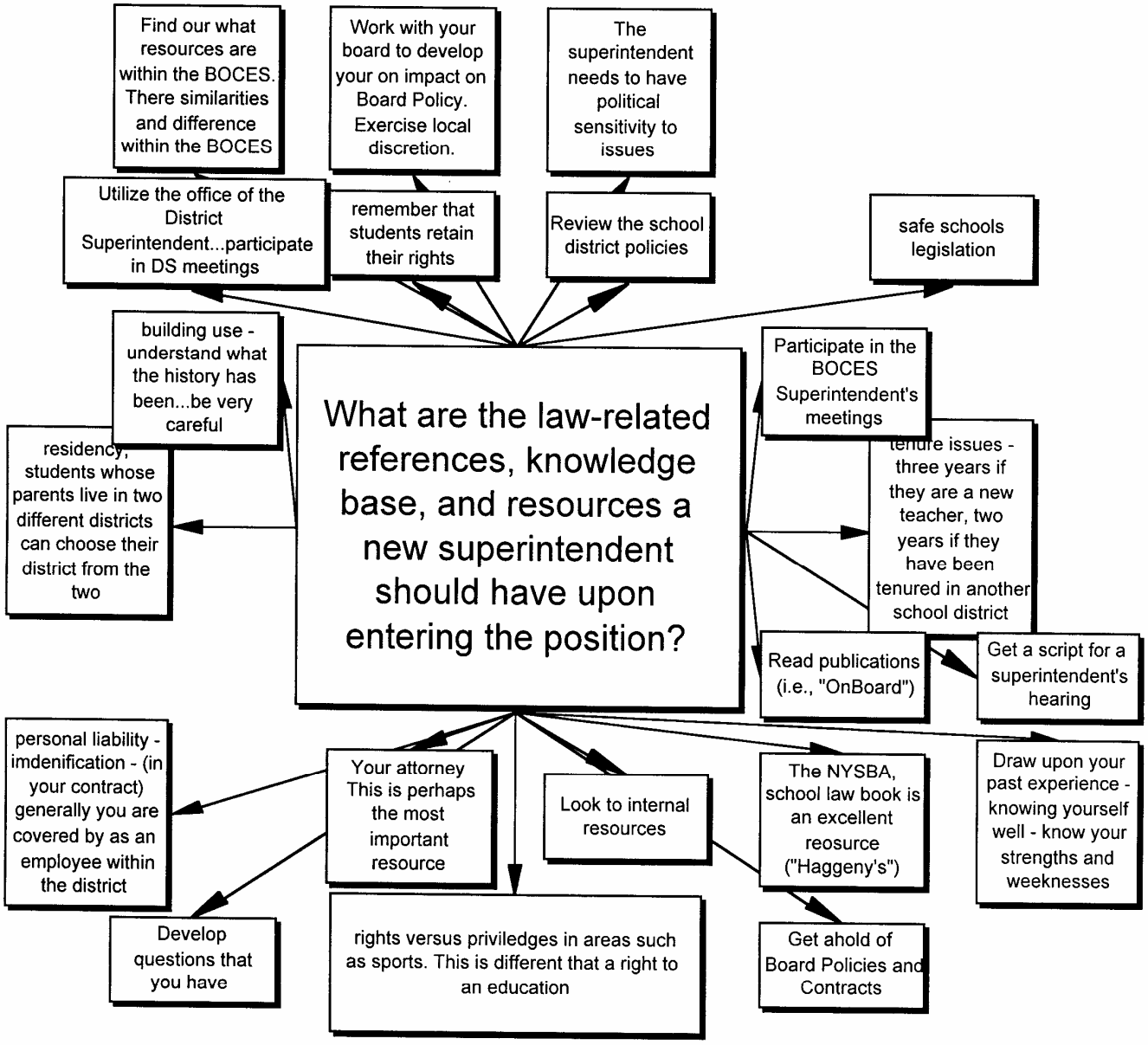
What are the law-related references, knowledge base, and resources a new superintendent should have upon entering the position?
Find our what resources are within the BOCES. There similarities and difference within the BOCES
Work with your board to develop your on impact on Board Policy. Exercise local discretion.
The superintendent needs to have political sensitivity to issues
Utilize the office of the District Superintendent...participate in DS meetings
remember that students retain their rights
Review the school district policies
safe schools legislation
building use - understand what the history has been...be very careful
Participate in the BOCES Superintendent's meetings
residency, students whose parents live in two different districts can choose their district from the two
tenure issues - three years if they are a new teacher, two years if they have been tenured in another school district
Read publications (i.e., "OnBoard")
Get a script for a superintendent's hearing
personal liability - imdenification - (in your contract) generally you are covered by as an employee within the district
Your attorney This is perhaps the most important resource
Look to internal resources
The NYSBA, school law book is an excellent reosurce ("Haggeny's")
Draw upon your past experience - knowing yourself well - know your strengths and weeknesses
Develop questions that you have
rights versus priviledges in areas such as sports. This is different that a right to an education
Get ahold of Board Policies and Contracts