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February 18, 2025

Betsy Cross
Re: OPRA 25-063

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This response is being provided on the 2nd business day, noting that your original request dated December 17, 2024, was routed through a SPAM folder and was not found until you submitted a follow up email on February 13, 2025.

Dear Ms. Cross,

The Wall Township Public School District received your original OPRA request at 9:33 PM on December 17, 2024, through a district SPAM folder and was not identified until your follow up email sent on February 13, 2025. Your request for records under OPRA is as follows:

Please provide the following:

- 1) Wall BOE Executive session minutes for November 2024.”

In response, enclosed please find the Executive Session Minutes for November 19, 2024 consisting of one page. The record has been redacted to protect confidential information. The numbers below correspond with the numbers on the enclosed record.

November 19, 2024 Executive Session Minutes

2. The redactions were made pursuant to confidential student record law, N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5, Family Education Rights and Privacy Act exceptions, and because you are not an authorized person or entity pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5.
3. The redactions were made in accordance with the grievance exception to OPRA and The attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.
4. The redactions were made in accordance with: the privacy interest exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1), and to protect confidential personnel information not subject to disclosure as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10; in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA; and were made pursuant to confidential student record law, N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5, Family Education Rights and Privacy Act exceptions, and because you are not an authorized person or entity pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5.
5. The redactions were made pursuant to confidential student record law, N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5, Family Education Rights and Privacy Act exceptions, and because you are

not an authorized person or entity pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5. Also, in accordance with the privacy interest exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1).

6. The redactions were made pursuant to confidential student record law, N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5, Family Education Rights and Privacy Act exceptions, and because you are not an authorized person or entity pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5. Also, in accordance with the privacy interest exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1).

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Wall Township Board of Education to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ 08625, be-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,



Brian J. Smyth
Custodian of Records

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EXECUTIVE SESSION
November 19, 2024

Following a motion in public, the Board met in closed Executive Session at 5:55p.m.

BOE Members present: Mr. Buffa, Ms. Barbieri, Ms. DiGiovanni, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Ms. Shimko, Mr. Wondrack, and Ms. Stietz.

BOE Member(s) not present: Mr. Addonizio.

Also in attendance: Dr. Handerhan, Superintendent, Ms. McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Bond, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, Mr. Scarano, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Steiner, Director of Intervention Services & Student Wellness, Mr. Smyth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Cornell, Board Attorney.

1. Confidential Matters: Ms. Steiner, Director of Intervention Services & Student Wellness, reported on the HIB cases, and addressed questions of the Board.

Ms. Steiner departed the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

2. Student Matter: Ms. Bond reported on a [REDACTED], and noted the district had been [REDACTED].

3. Personnel: Unfair Practice Charge regarding the [REDACTED] - Ms. Cornell advised that [REDACTED].

4. Legal: Ms. Cornell reviewed the status of the following current legal matters:
With regard to the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
With regard to the [REDACTED]
exchange of discovery is to conclude in two weeks with depositions to be conducted in December.
With regard to the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

5. Student Matter: [REDACTED] -Dr. Handerhan reported that she met with High School staff to perform an investigation. Dr. Handerhan read statements that were provided by staff regarding the incident.
6. Student Matter: [REDACTED] - Dr. Handerhan reported on [REDACTED].

7. Personnel: Dr. Handerhan addressed questions on the Human Resources Report.
8. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Buffa, second by Ms. DiGiovanni to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.