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Betsy Cross

Re: OPRA 23-148

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Dear Ms. Cross,

The Wall Township Board of Education, (District) is in receipt of your emails dated December 21, 2023, wherein you requested record as follows:

“Records requested:
Executive session minutes September – November 2023.”

In response to your request, enclosed please find copies of the referenced minutes consisting of 5 pages. The documents have been redacted to protect confidential information based upon the following:

Executive Session – September 19, 2023

The numbers reference the corresponding numbers on the enclosed document.

1. (a) 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. The redactions were also made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

(b) 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. The redactions were also made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

(c) 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. The redactions were also made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

(d) 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. The redactions were also made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

(e) The redactions were made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

2. 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. The redactions were also made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

3. The redactions were made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

5. The redactions were made in accordance with the protection of confidential student information in connection with a student matter.

Executive Session – October 17, 2023

The numbers reference the corresponding numbers on the enclosed document.

1. The redactions were made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.
3. 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.
4. The redactions were made in accordance with the advisory, consultative, and deliberate process exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1).
5. The redactions were made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.
6. The redactions were made in accordance with the protection of confidential student information in connection with a student matter.
7. The redactions were made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA, and the advisory, consultative, and deliberative process exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1).
8. The redactions were made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

Executive Session – November 14, 2023

The numbers reference the corresponding numbers on the enclosed document.

2. The redactions were made in accordance with the privacy interest exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1), to protect confidential personnel information not subject to disclosure as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10, and in accordance with the advisory, consultative, and deliberate process exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1).
3. 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.
4. The redactions were made in accordance with the advisory, consultative, and deliberate process exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1).
5. The redactions were made in accordance with the advisory, consultative, and deliberate process exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1).
6. The redactions were made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA, and in accordance with the protection of confidential student information in connection with a student matter.
7. The redactions were made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.
9. The redactions were made in accordance with the advisory, consultative, and deliberate process exception to OPRA (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1).
10. 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. The redactions were also made in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Smyth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian J. Smyth
Records Custodian

BJS/dc

September 19, 2023

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

BOE Members present: Mr. Addonizio, Mr. Buffa, Mrs. DiGiovanni, Mrs. Hodnett, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Mr. SanFilippo, Mr. Wondrack, and Mrs. Steitz.

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

- Legal Updates:**
- a. [REDACTED] – Mediation is scheduled for later this month.
 - b. [REDACTED] – There has been no communication from plaintiffs’ attorney since [REDACTED]
 - c. [REDACTED] – Reported that plaintiff’s attorney requested an extension until May, however, we do not know why.
 - d. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
 - e. The District received a Due Process notice from a student that was not enrolled in the district during COVID but filed a complaint against the district. Ms. Cornell [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- Personnel:** Ms. Cornell advised on the status and reviewed the terms of the Separation Agreement between [REDACTED], and the Wall Township Board of Education, advising that [REDACTED] and as part of that Separation Agreement, the Board will be asked to approve the agreement and [REDACTED]
- Legal – HIB:** In response to questions of the Board concerning the HIB hearing last month and a rumor that is circulating, the Superintendent and Ms. Cornell advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- Personnel Update:** – Mr. Scarano updated the Board on the process used to fill a few of the positions on this evening’s Agenda/Human Resources Report, as well as the current status of the Building Principal Position; it is still open to applicants.
- Student Matters:** Dr. Handerman updated the Board on meetings she has had with parents of
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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████████████████████ will be allowed to continue on the team. Home schooled students that are already participating in sports at the Intermediate School, this 2023-24 School Year will be allowed to participate this year only. There are currently no students at the High School level that are home schooled and participate in the district's sports program. Therefore, no new home schooled students to the district's sports program will be allowed to participate this 2023-24 School Year. Dr. Handerhan advised that students already participating in 2023-24 School Year, sports programs can continue throughout the school year.

6. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. SanFilippo second by Mr. Nasr to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
October 17, 2023

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

BOE Members present: Mr. Buffa, Mrs. DiGiovanni, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Mr. SanFilippo, Mr. Wondrack, and Mrs. Steitz.

Absent: Mr. Addonizio, Mrs. Hodnett

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

1. OPRA Lawsuit - Betsy Cross vs. Wall Township Board of Education: Eric Harrison of Methfessel & Werbel, Esqs., counsel appointed by the Diploma Joint Insurance Fund (DJIF); advised the Board [REDACTED] Mr. Harrison advised; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mr. Harrison further advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mr. Harrison addressed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2. HIB's: Ms. Tiffany Steiner summarized the HIB's on the agenda and addressed questions of the Board. Ms. Steiner departed the meeting at 6:47 PM.
3. Personnel - [REDACTED] Dr. Handerhan updated the Board on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
5. Legal: Ms. Cornell advised the Board [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. Cornell advised [REDACTED]
6. Legal: Ms. Cornell advised the Board of a Due Process lawsuit filed [REDACTED] family did not reside in Wall Township for the years referenced; [REDACTED] withdrew the complaint, on behalf of [REDACTED] case is now closed.
7. Legal: Dr. Handerhan provided a brief overview of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
In response to questions of the Board, Ms. Cornell advised the Board [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
8. Legal: At the request of Ms. Stietz, Ms. Cornell advised the board [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
9. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. SanFilippo second by Mr. Nasr to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
November 14, 2023

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

BOE Members present: Mr. Buffa, Mrs. DiGiovanni, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Mr. SanFilippo, Mr. Wondrack, and Mrs. Steitz.

Absent: Mr. Addonizio,

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

1. HIB's: Ms. Tiffany Steiner summarized a new HIB case that the administration was made aware of today. Ms. Steiner reviewed the HIB's on the agenda and addressed questions of the Board. Ms. Steiner departed the meeting at 6:07 PM.
2. Personnel – NNDCC Position – Ms. McCann advised the Board regarding meetings she and Mr. Davis had with NNDCC students wherein [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. McCann advised regarding a meeting that she and Mr. Davis had that same evening with the NNDCC parents and reviewed the questions that were addressed that evening. Dr. Handerhan advised that we are [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
3. Personnel – HS Vice Principal Update by MR. Scarano. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
5. Property: Dr. Handerhan reviewed the request from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mr. Nasr reviewed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
6. Legal: Ms. Cornell advised the Board [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
7. Legal: Ms. Cornell advised the Board that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. Cornell updated on [REDACTED] Ms. Cornell advised

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[REDACTED]

8. Legal: The Board discussed having counsel assigned by DJIF meet with the Board to provide an update on the complaint they are handling.

9. Dr. Handerhan indicated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dr. Handerhan stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dr. Handerhan added [REDACTED]

10. Personnel/Organizational Changes [REDACTED] Dr.

Handerhan provided [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ms. Cornell advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

11. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. SanFilippo second by Ms. DiGiovanni to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor.

Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.