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Betsy Cross
Re: OPRA 24-131

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Good afternoon,

The Wall Township Board of Education, (District) is in receipt of your emailed request that is dated June 11, 2024, wherein you requested record as follows:

“May I please have the following under OPRA:

1) Executive session minutes for May 2024.”

Enclosed please find the Executive Session minutes for May 2024, consisting of 2 pages. The records have been redacted to protect confidential information. The numbers reference the corresponding numbers on the enclosed document.

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



Brian J. Smyth
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EXECUTIVE SESSION
May 21, 2024

Following a motion in public, the Board met in closed Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

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

BOE Member not present: N/A

Also, in attendance: Dr. Handerhan, Superintendent, 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 (via phone).

1. Student matter - Ms. Steiner, Director of Intervention Services & Student Wellness, presented on the HIB cases reported since the last Executive Session meeting held on April 23, 2024, and addressed questions of the Board.

Ms. Steiner departed the meeting.

2. Acquisition of Property – Mr. Smyth advised and addressed questions of the Board regarding the lease agreement for 1740 Rt. 34, Wall, NJ for housing the student transportation department that was added to tonight’s agenda.

3. Litigation – [REDACTED]: Mr. Smyth advised that the district [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4. Personnel Updates – Dr. Handerhan and Mr. Scarano advised the Board on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Athina Cornell joined the meeting by phone at 6:33pm.

5. Litigation - [REDACTED] Ms. Cornell advised and addressed questions of the Board, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. Cornell advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] In response to questions of the Board, Ms. Cornell advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

6. Litigation – [REDACTED] - Ms. Cornell advised on the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

7. Consultative & Deliberative Correspondence – Ms. Steitz advised the Board on Board correspondence addressed to Mr. Walsh at the Comptroller’s Office.

At 6:50 Athina Cornell, who joined the meeting by phone, departed the meeting.

At 6:50 Dr. Handerhan, conflicted Board members (Mr. Addonizio, and Mr. Maliff), along with Mr. Scarano, Ms. Bond, and Mr. Smyth departed the meeting to allow the Board to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation.

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At 7:20 Dr. Handerhan, conflicted Board members, (Mr. Addonizio, and Mr. Maliff), Mr. Scarano, Ms. Bond, and Mr. Smyth rejoined the meeting.

8. Dr. Handerhan introduced Dr. Krystyne Kennedy and Mr. Christopher Alworth; both are on the agenda this evening for the Board's approval for hire. Dr. Handerhan provided a brief summary of their qualifications and experience and allowed each to introduce themselves to the Board of Education.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Buffa, second by Mr. Maliff to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.