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October 14, 2024

Betsy Cross
Re: OPRA 25-035

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This response, consisting of 2 pages, is being provided on the 4th business day from the Custodian of Record's receipt.

Good afternoon,

Please be advised that your email of August 20, 2024, sent at 10:39 PM requesting government records was diverted to a Spam folder and was deleted after 30 days. Please know that once retrieved, your request was received by the Custodian of Records on October 7, 2024:

"Records requested: Kindly return via a PDF only
1) Wall BOE Executive session minutes for July 2024."

In response attached please find the Executive Session minutes for July 2024, consisting of 2 pages. The numbers listed correspond with the paragraph numbers on the record. The record has been redacted as follows:

1. The redactions were made in accordance with the attorney client privilege and personnel exceptions to OPRA.
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4. The redactions were made because the Superior Court has sealed the matter.
6. The redactions were 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,



Brian J. Smyth
Custodian of Records

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EXECUTIVE SESSION
July 16, 2024

Following a motion in public, the Board met in closed Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

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

BOE Member(s) not present: Mr. Buffa

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, Mr. Smyth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Cornell, Board Attorney.

1. Personnel/legal – Dr. Handerhan reviewed the timeline of Central Office being notified [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. In response to questions of the Board, Ms. Cornell, with information provided by Dr. Handerhan, advised the Board [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. Cornell and Dr. Handerhan advised the Board regarding the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2. In response to questions/concerns [REDACTED] Ms. Cornell advised the Board [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. Cornell advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
3. Litigation – Ms. Cornell advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. Cornell advised the Board [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. Litigation – Mr. Smyth reported to the Board on the status of an insurance claim related to the complaint filed in 2015: Docket No.: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
5. Personnel – Dr. Handerhan addressed questions of the Board regarding the enrollment/fiduciary aspects of transfers on this evening's agenda.
6. Personnel – Dr. Handerhan and Ms. Cornell advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
7. Negotiations – Ms. Cornell advised that her current, and Board appointed law firm, Cornell, Merlino, and Osborne, has merged with Methfessel and Werbel as of July 1, 2024. After Board discussion, the Board will approve, as the first order of business in public sessions, the firm Methfessel and Werbel as the Board Attorney for the 2024-25 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2024.
8. The Board took a recess at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:05 p.m. The following Board members were present: Mr. Addonizio, Ms. Barbieri, Ms. DiGiovanni, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Ms. Shimko, Mr. Wondrack, and Ms. Stietz. Mr. Buffa was not present. Also in attendance: Dr. Handerhan, Superintendent, Ms. McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Bond,

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Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, Mr. Scarano, Director of Human Resources, Mr. Smyth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Cornell, Board Attorney.

9. Attorney Client - Ms. Cornell advised and responded to questions regarding the process to be followed for the Board's self-evaluation.
10. Personnel – Ms. Cornell advised on, and Dr. Handerhan read aloud, the Policy that pertains to the resignation of employees.
11. Personnel – Dr. Handerhan introduced the recommended candidate, Mr. James Sterenczak, for the Principal position at Allenwood Elementary School.
12. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Wondrack, second by Ms. Barbieri to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.