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March 14, 2023

Betsy Cross
Re: OPRA 23-133
OPRA 23-136

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Dear Ms. Cross,

The Wall Township Board of Education, (District) is in receipt of your emails dated March 3, 2023, and March 6, 2023, wherein you requested record as follows:

“Records requested:

May I kindly have the Executive Minutes from October 19, 2022 - January 31, 2023.

May I kindly have the Wall Executive Minutes from October 19, 2022 - January 31, 2023.”

Pursuant to your OPRA Request, enclosed please find copies of the referenced minutes consisting of 4 pages. The reasons for redactions are set forth hereafter:

October 18, 2022

- Paragraph 2 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- Paragraph 3 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- Paragraph 4 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(12) Grievance filed by employee.

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- Paragraph 1 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(12) Grievance filed by employee.
- Paragraph 2 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(1) Advisory, consultative, and deliberative.
- Paragraph 3 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- Paragraph 4 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- Paragraph 5 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- Paragraph 7 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3 Investigation in progress.

December 20, 2022

- Paragraph 5 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(12) Grievance filed by employee.
- Paragraph 11 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(1) Advisory, consultative, and deliberative.
- Paragraph 12 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- Paragraph 13 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- Paragraph 14 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- Paragraph 16 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(12) Grievance filed by employee.

January 17, 2023

- Paragraph 5 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.9 Personally identifiable student information pursuant to Family Educational Records Protection Act and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5.
- Paragraph 6 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- Paragraph 7 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(1) Advisory, consultative, and deliberative.
- Paragraph 9 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(12) Grievance filed by employee.
- Paragraph 10 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(7) Attorney/Client Privilege.

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", written in a cursive style.

Brian J. Smyth
Records Custodian

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

October 18, 2022

Following a motion during the public portion of the meeting, the Board met in closed Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

Roll Call

On roll call, the members responded: Mr. Buffa, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hodnett, Mr. Maliff, Mr. SanFilippo, Mrs. Steitz, Mr. Wondrack, and Mr. Addonizio.

Also present were Dr. Handerhan, Superintendent, Ms. McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & 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. Ms. Steiner reported on HIB and addressed questions of the Board.
2. Ms. Cornell provided an update on the following legal matters:
[REDACTED]
3. Ms. Cornell and Dr. Handerhan provided an update on the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. Mr. Smyth reported on the status and provided background information regarding the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
5. Dr. Handerhan reported on the status of staff currently on administrative leave.
6. Dr. Handerhan reported that she met with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, as the High School Principal, along with Kevin Davis, as the Security Specialist, regarding information related to the student hazing matter.
7. Dr. Handerhan reported on a parent that requested to have their senior student's record expunged.
8. Dr. Peter Righi joined the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.; Dr. Handerhan introduced Dr. Righi to the Board of Education as the recommended candidate on the Human Resources Report this evening for the Acting Wall High School Principal position.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. SanFilippo, second by Mrs. Steitz to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
November 15, 2022

Following a motion during the public portion of the meeting, the Board met in closed Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

Roll Call

On roll call, the members responded: Mr. Buffa, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hodnett, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Mr. SanFilippo, Mrs. Steitz, Mr. Wondrack, and Mr. Addonizio.

Also present were Dr. Handerhan, Superintendent, Ms. McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & 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

Ms. Steiner reviewed the HIBs reported for the month.

Dr. Handerhan, Ms. McCann, Mr. Scarano, and Ms. Steiner departed the meeting.

The Board discussed Dr. Handerhan's employment contract.

Dr. Handerhan, Mr. Scarano, Ms. Maher, WTEA Co-President, and Ms. Morin, WTEA Co-President, joined the meeting at approximately 7:00 PM.

1. [REDACTED]

Ms. Maher, and Ms. Morin departed the meeting.

2. Dr. Handerhan advised [REDACTED]

3. Ms. Cornell advised on the status of the [REDACTED]

4. Ms. Cornell advised on the [REDACTED]

5. Ms. Cornell [REDACTED]

6. Mr. Scarano reported on the administrative leave that is included on today's agenda.

7. Dr. Handerhan provided an update on [REDACTED]

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. SanFilippo, second by Mr. Nasr to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
December 20, 2022

1. **Following a motion in public, the Board met in closed Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.**
2. BOE Members present: Mr. Buffa, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hodnett, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Mr. SanFilippo, Mrs. Steitz, Mr. Wondrack, and Mr. Addonizio.
3. Also present were Dr. Handerhan, Superintendent, Mr. Smyth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Scarano, Human Resources Director, Ms. Steiner, Director of Intervention Services & Student Wellness, and Ms. Cornell, Board Attorney.
4. Ms. Steiner reviewed the HIBs for the month and addressed questions of the Board.
5. Members of the WTEA joined the meeting, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
6. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Nasr, second by Mr. Maliff to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor.
7. **Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**
8. **Following a motion in public, the Board met in closed Executive Session at 9:16 p.m.**
9. Board members present: Mr. Buffa, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hodnett, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Mr. SanFilippo, Mrs. Steitz, Mr. Wondrack, and Mr. Addonizio.
10. Also present were Dr. Handerhan, Superintendent, Mr. Smyth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Scarano, Human Resources Director, and Ms. Cornell, Board Attorney.
11. [REDACTED]
12. Ms. Cornell updated the Board on the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
13. Ms. Cornell reported [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
14. Ms. Cornell advised, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
15. Ms. Cornell and Dr. Handerhan updated the Board on all staff currently on administrative leave.
16. The Board further discussed and advised counsel to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
17. Adjournment: Motion by Mrs. Hodnett, second by Mr. Hall to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor.
18. **Motion carried; Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

January 17, 2023

1. **Following a motion in public, the Board met in closed Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.**
2. BOE Members present: Mr. Addonizio, Mr. Buffa, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hodnett, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Mr. SanFilippo, Mr. Wondrack, and Mrs. Steitz.
3. Also present were Dr. Handerhan, Superintendent, Ms. McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & 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.
4. Ms. Steiner reviewed the HIBs for the month and addressed questions of the Board and departed the meeting at 7:16 p.m.
5. Dr. Handerhan reported on the status of the [REDACTED]
6. Ms. Cornell advised on the [REDACTED]
7. The Board discussed the [REDACTED]
8. With regard to the Transportation building and the Department of Health letter, Mr. Smyth updated the Board advising on the remediation as well as communications with the WTEA and the Department of Health.
9. Grievances:
[REDACTED]
10. With regard to [REDACTED] Ms. Cornell advised the Board on [REDACTED]
11. Dr. Handerhan reported that [REDACTED]
12. Dr. Handerhan reported on Rose Sirchio's leave and that she and Ms. Cornell will meet to discuss options for the Board to consider next month.
13. The Board briefly discussed that negotiating with the WTASC will be starting and that next steps will be discussed in committee.
14. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. SanFilippo, second by Mr. Addonizio to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor.

Motion carried; Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.