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Re: OPRA 24-070

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Good afternoon,

The Wall Township Board of Education (District) is in receipt of your email dated February 14, 2024. Your email provided as follows:

“This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. Records requested: Executive session minutes for January 2024.”

Enclosed please find the record you requested consisting of 2 pages. The record has been redacted to protect confidential information based upon the following:

The numbers reference the corresponding numbers on the enclosed document.

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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.

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

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6. The redactions were made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, information generated by or on behalf of a public employee in connection with any grievance filed by an individual, and in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

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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 and, in accordance with the attorney client privilege exception to OPRA.

12. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Smyth". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and a cursive "Smyth".

Brian J. Smyth
Records Custodian

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

January 16, 2024

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

BOE Members present: Ms. Barbieri, Mr. Buffa, Mr. Maliff, Mr. Nasr, Ms. Shimko, and Mrs. Steitz.

Absent: Mr. Addonizio, Ms. DiGiovanni, and Mr. Wondrack

Also, in attendance: Dr. Handerhan, Superintendent, Mr. Smyth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Scarano, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Steiner, Director of Intervention Services & Student Wellness, Kevin Davis, Wall High School Principal, Seth Hewitt, Wall High School Assistant Principal, Mrs. Barocas Wall High School Student Family Liaison Counselor, and Ms. Cornell, Board Attorney.

1. Dr. Handerhan and Ms. Steiner gave a broad overview using of the process used by the Board in reviewing HIB's when in Executive Session.
2. HIB Hearing: Ms. Steiner provided a summary of the HIB hearing scheduled for this evening. Ms. Steiner, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Hewitt addressed questions of the Board.

6:15 PM. After addressing questions of the Board, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hewitt, and Mrs. Barocas departed the meeting at 6:36 PM.

3. HIB's: Ms. Steiner provided the total number of HIB cases reported over the past month, summarized confirmed HIB incidents, and addressed questions of the Board. Ms. Steiner departed the meeting at 6:38 PM.
4. Legal – S. Southwell Litigation: Eric Harrison, Methfessel & Werbel, appointed counsel by Diploma Joint Insurance Fund, joined the meeting at 6:39 PM. Mr. Harrison provided

Mr. Harrison departed the meeting at 6:57 PM.

5. Legal – Update: Ms. Cornell advised the Board that Mitch Jacobs, from the law firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs LLC, that was the appointed counsel by Diploma Joint Insurance Fund,
6. Legal – Grievance: Ms. Cornell advised
7. Legal – Litigation: Ms. Cornell advised that the appointed counsel by the Diploma Joint Insurance Fund, Tom O'Grady, Goldberg Segalla,

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8. Legal - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
9. Ms. Cornell advised [REDACTED]
- 10 Personnel - [REDACTED] Dr. Handerhan,
summarized [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. Cornell provided [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mr. Nasr provided [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 11 Negotiations – WBOE–WTASC CBA included on this evening’s agenda. Mr. Smyth advised that the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) incorporates the provisions included within the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was previously approved, and that the CBA was reviewed by both district administration and the WTASC. The Board discussed tabling the agenda item due to a number of board members being absent.
- 12 Board Discussion – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 13 Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Buffa, second Mr. Nasr to adjourn. Voice vote. All in favor.
Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.