

WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY
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April 17, 2023

Betsy Cross
Re: OPRA 23-161

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Dear Ms. Cross.

The Wall Township Board of Education, (District) is in receipt of your emailed request dated April 10, 2023, and received by the Records Custodian on April 17, 2023, wherein you requested records as follows:

“Records requested today under IMMEDIATE ACCESS:
February 2023 attorney bills for Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne and Kenney, Gross
Kovats & Parton..”

In response to your request for attorney bills from Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne for legal services rendered in February 2023, attached are documents responsive to your request consisting of 12 pages.

In response to your request for attorney bills from Kenney, Gross Kovats & Parton for legal services rendered in February 2023, please be advised that a search of district records has determined no records exist that are responsive to your request.

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
Records Custodian

BJS/dc

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Invoice # 18699
Date: 02/28/2023

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Wall Township Board of Education
1620 18th Avenue
Wall, New Jersey 07719

Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$6,719.90	+ \$5,626.50	) - (\$0.00	) = \$12,346.40

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General

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
02/01/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to P. Alvino, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from P. Alvino, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan In Re: Student Matters	0.55	\$85.25
02/01/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Board Matter	0.45	\$69.75
02/01/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at meeting with Dr. Handerhan, T. Steiner and J. McCann; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of Waiver; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Dr. Handerhan, T. Steiner, and J. McCann In Re: HIB Procedures	2.80	\$434.00
02/01/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from T. Steiner; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to T. Steiner In Re: Board Policy Review	2.50	\$387.50
02/02/2023	Review and revise correspondence to Dr. Handerhan; Receipt and review of email from E. Scanlon, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from B. Smyth In Re: Student Matter	0.60	\$93.00
02/02/2023	Receipt and review of email from Dr. Handerhan; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to L. Koch, Esq.; Receipt and review of email and attachment from L. Koch, Esq. In Re: Student Matter	0.70	\$108.50
02/02/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at meeting In Re: Board Matters	1.00	\$155.00
02/02/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from T. Steiner; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: HIB Procedures	0.40	\$62.00

02/02/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from T. Steiner; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Board Policy Review	0.20	\$31.00
02/08/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: Student Transcripts	1.00	\$155.00
02/09/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachments from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Residency Hearing	0.80	\$124.00
02/10/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Dr. Handerhan; Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Residency Matter	0.35	\$54.25
02/10/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from T. Steiner; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to T. Steiner In Re: SSDS Reporting	2.30	\$356.50
02/11/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Residency Matter	0.65	\$100.75
02/14/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of Residency Hearing Outlines In Re: Residency Matters	2.90	\$449.50
02/14/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from T. Steiner; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to T. Steiner; Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Handerhan In Re: SSDS Reporting	1.50	\$232.50
02/15/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan and Dr. Righi In Re: Personnel and Student Matters	0.80	\$124.00
02/15/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachments from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Residency Matter	0.45	\$69.75
02/15/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Dr. Handerhan In Re: HIB	0.40	\$62.00
02/15/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from T. Steiner; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to T. Steiner; Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Handerhan; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Dr. Handerhan In Re: SSDS Reporting	2.00	\$310.00
02/16/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: SSDS Report	0.30	\$46.50
02/16/2023	Review and revise correspondence regarding transcript request In Re: Transcript Request	0.30	\$46.50
02/16/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Residency Matter	0.25	\$38.75
02/17/2023	Revise residency hearing outline In Re: Residency Matter	0.60	\$93.00
02/17/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Transcripts	0.20	\$31.00

02/20/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachments from Office of the Superintendent In Re: Residency Matter	0.35	\$54.25
02/21/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Social Media Matter	0.25	\$38.75
02/21/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at meeting with Dr. Handerhan, T. Steiner and E. Monafis; Receipt and review of videos In Re: Student Matter	1.60	\$248.00
02/21/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at meeting with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Pending Matter	0.60	\$93.00
02/21/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at Board Meeting	4.30	\$666.50
02/21/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Board Meeting	0.40	\$62.00
02/22/2023	Telephone conference with B. Smyth In Re: Pending Matters	0.40	\$62.00
02/23/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from L. Koch, Esq. In Re: Student Matter	0.40	\$62.00
02/23/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of correspondence to parents; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan and B. Smyth In Re: Residency Matters	0.75	\$116.25
02/23/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan and M. Scarano In Re: Pending Matters	0.60	\$93.00
02/24/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Business Office; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Business Office; Receipt and review of email from B. Smyth In Re: Records Request	0.40	\$62.00
02/24/2023	Receipt and review of email from B. Smyth; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to B. Smyth; Receipt and review of email from Dr. Handerhan; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan; Review and revise correspondence to parents; Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Residency Matters	0.75	\$116.25
02/24/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan; Receipt and review of email and attachments from Office of the Superintendent In Re: Student Matter	0.45	\$69.75
02/27/2023	Receipt and review of email from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Residency Matter	0.20	\$31.00
02/28/2023	Receipt and review of email from Office of the Superintendent In Re: HIB Hearing	0.20	\$31.00
02/28/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of correspondence to parent In Re: Student Matter/Suspension	0.65	\$100.75

Quantity Subtotal 36.3

Quantity Total 36.3

Subtotal \$5,626.50

Amount \$5,626.50

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18559	03/02/2023	\$6,719.90	\$0.00	\$6,719.90

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18699	03/30/2023	\$5,626.50	\$0.00	\$5,626.50
Outstanding Balance				\$12,346.40
Total Amount Outstanding				\$12,346.40

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Date: 02/28/2023

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$364.25	+ \$131.75	) - (\$0.00	) = \$496.00

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OPRA

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
02/15/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from B. Smyth In Re: OPRA/23-079	0.35	\$54.25
02/16/2023	Receipt and review of email from B. Smyth; Research, preparation and drafting of email to B. Smyth In Re: OPRA	0.25	\$38.75
02/28/2023	Receipt and review of emails from Dr. Handerhan In Re: OPRA/Public Information/Trailers	0.25	\$38.75
Quantity Subtotal			0.85
Quantity Total			0.85
Subtotal			\$131.75
Amount			\$131.75

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18560	03/02/2023	\$364.25	\$0.00	\$364.25

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18700	03/30/2023	\$131.75	\$0.00	\$131.75
Outstanding Balance				\$496.00
Total Amount Outstanding				\$496.00

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Date: 02/28/2023

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$8,021.25	+ \$5,851.25	) - (\$0.00	) = \$13,872.50

01005-Wall Township Board of Education

Personnel/Labor

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
02/01/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Research Case Law; Drafting of Memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	1.30	\$201.50
02/02/2023	Receipt and review of email from R. Schwartz, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.25	\$38.75
02/03/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; Research, preparation, and drafting of memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	2.25	\$348.75
02/04/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to K. Waldman, Esq.; Receipt and review of correspondence from K. Waldman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	1.15	\$178.25
02/05/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano; Research, preparation, and drafting of memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	1.75	\$271.25
02/06/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Grievances	1.20	\$186.00
02/06/2023	Telephone conference with R. Schwartz, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.10	\$15.50
02/07/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from M. Scarano In Re: Grievances	0.35	\$54.25
02/07/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at Personnel Committee Meeting; Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matters	3.40	\$527.00

02/08/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Transportation Grievances	2.75	\$426.25
02/08/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.35	\$54.25
02/09/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to K. Waldman, Esq.; Receipt and review of correspondence from K. Waldman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.35	\$54.25
02/09/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matters	0.95	\$147.25
02/10/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	0.40	\$62.00
02/12/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matters	0.80	\$124.00
02/13/2023	Telephone conference with K. Waldman, Esq.; Receipt and review of correspondence from K. Waldman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to K. Waldman, Esq.; Office research; preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Dr. Handerhan and M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.75	\$116.25
02/13/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth In Re: Health Insurance/Aides	0.25	\$38.75
02/13/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of correspondence to M. Barrett, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Barrett, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of correspondence to E. Cridge, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of emails to E. Cridge, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of correspondence to J. Uliano, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to J. Uliano, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan; Telephone conference with M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matters	1.80	\$279.00
02/14/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.45	\$69.75
02/14/2023	Receipt and review of email from M. Barrett, Esq.; Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	0.35	\$54.25
02/15/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	0.45	\$69.75
02/16/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from K. Waldman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to K. Waldman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of Status Conference Notice In Re: Personnel Matter	1.35	\$209.25
02/16/2023	Telephone conference with with Dr. Handerhan; Review District file; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.65	\$100.75
02/16/2023	Review of pension regulations and preparation of pension calculation; Preparation of Memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	0.40	\$62.00
02/16/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; Review of personnel documents	0.25	\$38.75

	In Re: Grievance		
02/17/2023	Receipt and review of email from M. Barrett, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.35	\$54.25
02/20/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to C. Steitz; Preparation of documents for interview; Research, preparation and drafting of memorandum In Re: Personnel Matters	2.85	\$441.75
02/20/2023	Receipt and review of email from E. Cridge, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.10	\$15.50
02/21/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of email to B. Smyth; Receipt and review of email from Business Office; Receipt and review of documentation for employee interview In Re: Personnel Matter	1.35	\$209.25
02/22/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano; Research, preparation and attendance at employee interview In Re: Personnel Matter	2.50	\$387.50
02/22/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel Matter	0.80	\$124.00
02/23/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to E. Cridge, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.10	\$15.50
02/23/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Gollin; Receipt and review of correspondence from M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.35	\$54.25
02/24/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Dr. Gollin; Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Gollin; Receipt and review of correspondence from K. Waldman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to K. Waldman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	1.80	\$279.00
02/24/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to J. Uliano, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from J. Uliano, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.35	\$54.25
02/27/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	1.50	\$232.50
02/28/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; Follow up from interview; Review of report In Re: Personnel Matter	1.65	\$255.75
Quantity Subtotal			37.75
Quantity Total			37.75
Subtotal			\$5,851.25
Amount			\$5,851.25

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18561	03/02/2023	\$8,021.25	\$0.00	\$8,021.25

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18701	03/30/2023	\$5,851.25	\$0.00	\$5,851.25
Outstanding Balance				\$13,872.50
Total Amount Outstanding				\$13,872.50

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$302.25	+ \$255.75	) - (\$0.00	) = \$558.00

01007-Wall Township Board of Education

Special Education

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
02/03/2023	Office research, preparation and review of federal guidance documents; discipline In Re: Section 504/IDEA	0.35	\$54.25
02/15/2023	Receipt and review of emails from E. Monafis In Re: Student Matter	0.40	\$62.00
02/16/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Student Matter	0.15	\$23.25
02/23/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan and K. Bond In Re: Pending Matters	0.50	\$77.50
02/28/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: S3434	0.25	\$38.75
Quantity Subtotal			1.65
Quantity Total			1.65
Subtotal			\$255.75
Amount			\$255.75

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Other Invoices

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18562	03/02/2023	\$302.25	\$0.00	\$302.25

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18702	03/30/2023	\$255.75	\$0.00	\$255.75
Outstanding Balance				\$558.00
Total Amount Outstanding				\$558.00

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