

WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY
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May 31, 2023

Betsy Cross
Re: OPRA 23-173

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Dear Ms. Cross,

The Wall Township Board of Education, (District) is in receipt of your emailed request that is dated May 31, 2023, wherein you requested record as follows:

“Records requested today under IMMEDIATE ACCESS:
March 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 March 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 March 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,



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BJS/dc

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BUSINESS OFFICE

Invoice # 18860
Date: 03/31/2023

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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
(\$5,626.50	+ \$4,820.50	) - (\$0.00	) = \$10,447.00

00992-Wall Township Board of Education

General

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
03/01/2023	Review and revise correspondence to parent; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan In Re: Student Matter	0.45	\$69.75
03/01/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Office of the Superintendent In Re: HIB	0.40	\$62.00
03/01/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from T. Buffa In Re: Board Matter	0.25	\$38.75
03/01/2023	Review correspondence to Dr. Righi; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Righi In Re: Student Transcripts Inquiry	0.35	\$54.25
03/01/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan; Telephone conference with B. Smyth In Re: Pending Matters	0.55	\$85.25
03/02/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachments from Office of the Superintendent In Re: HIB Matters	0.50	\$77.50
03/03/2023	Receipt and review of email from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Student Matter	0.20	\$31.00
03/06/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Board Policy	0.35	\$54.25
03/06/2023	Receipt and review of email from A. Nasr; Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Board Matters	0.50	\$77.50
03/07/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Office of the Superintendent In Re: Board Resolution	0.35	\$54.25
03/08/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from E. Harrison, Esq. In Re: Student Matter	0.35	\$54.25

03/09/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Board Resolution	0.35	\$54.25
03/09/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: HIB	0.25	\$38.75
03/10/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: Board Resolution	0.50	\$77.50
03/10/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Handerhan; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence In Re: Board Policy	1.00	\$155.00
03/10/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: Board Member Issue	0.30	\$46.50
03/13/2023	Receipt and review of email from Office of the Superintendent; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to the Office of the Superintendent In Re: HIB	0.35	\$54.25
03/13/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Board Policy	0.20	\$31.00
03/14/2023	Receipt and review of email from Office of the Superintendent In Re: Residency Matter	0.25	\$38.75
03/14/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from T. Steiner; Office research, preparation and review of file; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to T. Steiner In Re: HIB Matters	1.10	\$170.50
03/14/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to E. Scanlon, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from E. Scanlon, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to C. Melcher, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from C. Melcher, Esq. In Re: Student Matter	0.70	\$108.50
03/14/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at Board Meeting	3.25	\$503.75
03/14/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from T. Steiner; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: HIB Appeal	0.50	\$77.50
03/14/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Dr. Handerhan In Re: Board Policy	1.20	\$186.00
03/14/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Pending Matters	0.50	\$77.50
03/15/2023	Receipt of email from Office of the Superintendent In Re: Residency Matter	0.20	\$31.00
03/15/2023	Receipt and review of email from Office of the Superintendent; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Office of the Superintendent In Re: HIB Matters	0.35	\$54.25
03/15/2023	Receipt and review of email from resident; Review correspondence to Board Members In Re: Board Matter	0.50	\$77.50
03/16/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence In Re: Board Matter	4.20	\$651.00

03/16/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from Office of the Superintendent; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Office of the Superintendent, and T. Steiner In Re: HIB Appeal	0.90	\$139.50
03/16/2023	Receipt and review of email from J. Payor, Holman Frenia Alison In Re: Audit Response/Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023/Status Update Request	0.10	\$0.00
03/16/2023	Telephone conference with Office of the Superintendent In Re: Student Matter	0.10	\$15.50
03/17/2023	Telephone conferences with E. Laughlin; Telephone conference with the Office of the Public Defender; Telephone conference with L. Jacoby, Esq.; Receipt and review of email and attachment from Office of the Public Defender; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Office of the Public Defender In Re: Student Matter	1.00	\$155.00
03/17/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Pending Matters	0.60	\$93.00
03/18/2023	Receipt and review of emails from resident; Research, preparation, and drafting of emails to resident; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to A. Nasr and C. Steitz; Telephone conferences with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Board Matter	1.05	\$162.75
03/19/2023	Receipt and review of email from resident In Re: Board Matter	0.20	\$31.00
03/20/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of correspondence to parent In Re: Student Matter	0.40	\$62.00
03/20/2023	Telephone conference with resident; Receipt and review of email and attachments from resident; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to resident In Re: Board Matter	0.65	\$100.75
03/20/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of correspondence to parents; Research, preparation, and drafting of emails to the Office of the Superintendent In Re: HIB Appeals	1.50	\$232.50
03/20/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Pending Matters	0.20	\$31.00
03/21/2023	Review and revise correspondence to parents; Research, preparation, and drafting of emails to parents; Receipt and review of email from parent; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to parent; Receipt and review of email and attachment from Office of the Superintendent In Re: Student Matters	1.20	\$186.00
03/21/2023	Receipt and review of email from resident; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan; Telephone conference with R. Addonizio In Re: Board Matter	0.60	\$93.00
03/21/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: HIB Appeal	0.20	\$31.00
03/22/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to J. Payor, Holman Frenia Alison In Re: Audit Response/Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023/Status Update	0.20	\$0.00
03/23/2023	Receipt and review of email from A. Nasr; Receipt and review of email from C. Mullen, Esq. In Re: Board Matter	0.35	\$54.25
03/24/2023	Receipt of email from Dr. Handerhan	0.25	\$38.75

In Re: Student Matter				
03/27/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Office of the Superintendent; Receipt and review of email from news agency In Re: Board Matter	0.50	\$77.50	
03/28/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from resident In Re: Board Matter	0.35	\$54.25	
03/29/2023	Receipt and review of email from L. Koch, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to L. Koch, Esq. In Re: Student Matter	0.25	\$38.75	
03/29/2023	Receipt and review of email from resident In Re: Board Matter	0.25	\$38.75	
03/30/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from E. Harrison, Esq.; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Student Matter	0.60	\$93.00	

Quantity Subtotal 31.4

Quantity Total 31.4

Subtotal \$4,820.50

Amount \$4,820.50

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

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

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18860	04/30/2023	\$4,820.50	\$0.00	\$4,820.50
Outstanding Balance				\$10,447.00
Total Amount Outstanding				\$10,447.00

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Invoice # 18861
Date: 03/31/2023

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$131.75	+ \$542.50	) - (\$0.00	) = \$674.25

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OPRA

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
03/06/2023	Review and revise minutes; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to requestor In Re: OPRA	0.75	\$116.25
03/09/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from B. Smyth; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: OPRA Request	0.50	\$77.50
03/10/2023	Receipt and review of request; Research, preparation and drafting of email to B. Smyth In Re: OPRA	0.40	\$62.00
03/13/2023	Receipt and review of email from B. Smyth In Re: OPRA	0.25	\$38.75
03/14/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: OPRA Inquiry	0.50	\$77.50
03/14/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Dr. Handerhan In Re: OPRA/Executive Minutes	0.35	\$54.25
03/16/2023	Telephone conference with B. Smyth In Re: OPRA Request	0.10	\$15.50
03/21/2023	Review and redaction of minutes; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to requestor; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth In Re: OPRA	0.35	\$54.25
03/22/2023	Telephone conference with B. Smyth In Re: OPRA Request	0.30	\$46.50
Quantity Subtotal			3.5

Quantity Total	3.5
Subtotal	\$542.50
Amount	\$542.50

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

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

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18861	04/30/2023	\$542.50	\$0.00	\$542.50
Outstanding Balance				\$674.25
Total Amount Outstanding				\$674.25

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Date: 03/31/2023

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$5,851.25	+ \$5,789.25	) - (\$0.00	) = \$11,640.50

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Personnel/Labor

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
03/01/2023	Receipt and review of email from E. Cridge, Esq.; Office research; preparation and review of file; Review and revise correspondence to M. Barrett, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.80	\$124.00
03/02/2023	Receipt and review of Discovery; Office research; preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	2.75	\$426.25
03/03/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; interviews; preparation and drafting of matter memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	5.00	\$775.00
03/03/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Barrett, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.40	\$62.00
03/05/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.50	\$77.50
03/06/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth In Re: Aides Health Insurance	0.25	\$38.75
03/06/2023	Receipt and review of email from M. Barrett, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerman; Research, preparation, and drafting of emails to Dr. Handerman; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to E. Cridge, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.65	\$100.75
03/07/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matters	0.85	\$131.75
03/08/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Gollin; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Dr. Gollin; Receipt and review of correspondence from K. Waldman, Esq.;	0.45	\$69.75

	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to K. Waldman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter		
03/08/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Paraprofessionals	0.60	\$93.00
03/09/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel	0.20	\$31.00
03/10/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth In Re: Paraprofessionals	0.25	\$38.75
03/11/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.25	\$38.75
03/13/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from R. Barone, Esq.; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel Matter	0.90	\$139.50
03/14/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: Personnel Inquiry	0.80	\$124.00
03/14/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: Employee Assignment	0.50	\$77.50
03/14/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: District/Personnel Investigation	0.40	\$62.00
03/15/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Preparation of memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	1.55	\$240.25
03/15/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel Matter	0.40	\$62.00
03/16/2023	Telephone conference with E. Cridge, Esq.; Office research, preparation and review of file; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matters	0.85	\$131.75
03/17/2023	Receipt and review of email from R. Schwartz, Esq.; Office research, preparation and review of file; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel Matter	0.65	\$100.75
03/18/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from S. Murugan, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.25	\$38.75
03/19/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and revise memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	2.50	\$387.50
03/20/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from S. Murugan, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to S. Murugan, Esq.; Receipt of court notice In Re: Personnel Matter	0.60	\$93.00
03/21/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of Memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	2.25	\$348.75
03/22/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	0.70	\$108.50
03/23/2023	Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to E. Cridge, Esq.; Receipt and review of	0.65	\$100.75

email from E. Cridge, Esq.
In Re: Personnel Matter

03/24/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from J. Uliano, Esq.; Receipt and review of email and attachment from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel Matter	0.75	\$116.25
03/25/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	0.60	\$93.00
03/27/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Friedman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Judge Olgiati; Receipt and review of signed Consent Order from Judge Olgiati In Re: Personnel Matter	1.15	\$178.25
03/28/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to E. Cridge, Esq.; Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	0.45	\$69.75
03/29/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Dr. Gollin; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.90	\$139.50
03/29/2023	Telephone conference with M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Issue	0.35	\$54.25
03/30/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at employee interviews; Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matters	4.50	\$697.50
03/30/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.25	\$38.75
03/31/2023	Telephone conferences with Business Office; Receipt and review of correspondence from B. Smyth; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to R. Friedman, Esq.; Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Gollin; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matters	2.20	\$341.00
03/31/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from R. Barone, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.25	\$38.75

Quantity Subtotal 37.35

Quantity Total 37.35

Subtotal \$5,789.25

Amount \$5,789.25

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
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18701	03/30/2023	\$5,851.25	\$0.00	\$5,851.25
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Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18862	04/30/2023	\$5,789.25	\$0.00	\$5,789.25
Outstanding Balance				\$11,640.50
Total Amount Outstanding				\$11,640.50

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Date: 03/31/2023

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$255.75	+ \$550.25	) - (\$0.00	) = \$806.00

01007-Wall Township Board of Education

Special Education

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
03/02/2023	Telephone conferences with K. Bond; Telephone conference with E. Monafis and T. Steiner In Re: Student Matter	1.30	\$201.50
03/03/2023	Telephone conference with E. Monafis, K. Bond and T. Steiner; Receipt and review of email and attachment from K. Bond; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to K. Bond; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to E. Monafis, K. Bond and T. Steiner In Re: Student Matter	0.70	\$108.50
03/06/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from T. Steiner; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to T. Steiner In Re: Student Matter	0.40	\$62.00
03/07/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from T. Steiner In Re: Student Matter	0.35	\$54.25
03/09/2023	Telephone conference with K. Bond In Re: Pending Matters	0.80	\$124.00

Quantity Subtotal 3.55

Quantity Total 3.55

Subtotal \$550.25

Amount \$550.25

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

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

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18863	04/30/2023	\$550.25	\$0.00	\$550.25

Outstanding Balance **\$806.00**

Total Amount Outstanding **\$806.00**

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