

WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY
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June 2, 2023

Betsy Cross
Re: OPRA 23-174

opra+request-44690-8e6ff844@requests.opramachine.com

Dear Ms. Cross,

The Wall Township Board of Education, (District) is in receipt of your emailed request that is dated June 1, 2023, wherein you requested record as follows:

“Records requested today under IMMEDIATE ACCESS:
April 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 April 2023, attached are documents responsive to your request consisting of 11 pages.

In response to your request for attorney bills from Kenney, Gross Kovats & Parton for legal services rendered in April 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
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BJS/dc

Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC

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Invoice # 18991
Date: 04/30/2023

BUSINESS OFFICE

MAY 18 2023

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

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$4,820.50	+ \$1,596.50	) - (\$0.00	) = \$6,417.00

00992-Wall Township Board of Education

General

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
04/03/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Student Matter	0.40	\$62.00
04/04/2023	Receipt and review of email from resident; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to resident In Re: Board Matter	0.25	\$38.75
04/05/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Pending Matter	0.25	\$38.75
04/06/2023	Telephone follow-up conference call with applicable agencies In Re: Student Matter	1.30	\$201.50
04/17/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of correspondence to D. Burzon, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to D. Burzon, Esq.; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan and K. Bond In Re: Student Matter	0.60	\$93.00
04/17/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Board Matter	0.35	\$54.25
04/18/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan; Receipt and review of email and attachment from Dr. Handerhan; Review and revise correspondence to parents In Re: Board Matter	0.55	\$85.25
04/18/2023	Telephone conference with Prosecutor's Office; Telephone conferences with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Student Matter	0.60	\$93.00
04/24/2023	Telephone conference with Detective M. Donovan In Re: Pending Matter	0.20	\$31.00
04/24/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: HIB Appeal	0.30	\$46.50

04/25/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachments from Office of the Superintendent; Receipt and review of email and attachment from T. Steiner In Re: HIB	0.50	\$77.50
04/25/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at Board Meeting and HIB Appeal	3.45	\$534.75
04/25/2023	Receipt and review of email from Office of the Superintendent In Re: Student Matter	0.20	\$31.00
04/25/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at meeting with Dr. Handerhan; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Board Meeting	0.80	\$124.00
04/27/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from resident In Re: Board Matter	0.35	\$54.25
04/30/2023	Receipt and review of email from resident In Re: Board Matter	0.20	\$31.00
		Quantity Subtotal	10.3
		Quantity Total	10.3
		Subtotal	\$1,596.50
		Amount	\$1,596.50

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

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

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18991	05/30/2023	\$1,596.50	\$0.00	\$1,596.50
Outstanding Balance				\$6,417.00
Total Amount Outstanding				\$6,417.00

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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 Date: 04/30/2023

Wall Township Board of Education
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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$542.50	+ \$1,185.75	) - (\$0.00	) = \$1,728.25

01004-Wall Township Board of Education**OPRA**

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
04/03/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Business Office; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Business Office In Re: OPRA Request	0.35	\$54.25
04/03/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Business Office In Re: OPRA Requests/23-147 and 23-153	0.35	\$54.25
04/04/2023	Review and research OPRA requests; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to requestors; Research, preparation and drafting of email to B. Smyth In Re: OPRA	2.50	\$387.50
04/05/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of emails to Business Office In Re: OPRA	0.25	\$38.75
04/11/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth In Re: OPRA	2.00	\$310.00
04/12/2023	Receipt and review of email from resident In Re: OPRA Requests	0.20	\$31.00
04/14/2023	Receipt and review of email from resident; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to resident In Re: OPRA Requests	0.25	\$38.75
04/19/2023	Review of documents and redaction; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to requestor In Re: OPRA	1.00	\$155.00
04/26/2023	Receipt and review of OPRA Request; Research, preparation and drafting of emails to B. Smyth In Re: OPRA	0.75	\$116.25
Quantity Subtotal			7.65

Quantity Total	7.65
Subtotal	\$1,185.75
Amount	\$1,185.75

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

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

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18992	05/30/2023	\$1,185.75	\$0.00	\$1,185.75
Outstanding Balance				\$1,728.25
Total Amount Outstanding				\$1,728.25

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$5,789.25	+ \$2,805.50	) - (\$0.00	) = \$8,594.75

01005-Wall Township Board of Education

Personnel/Labor

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
04/03/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Gollin; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from K. Waldman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.70	\$108.50
04/04/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of district letter; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.65	\$100.75
04/05/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Friedman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to R. Friedman In Re: Personnel Matter	0.90	\$139.50
04/06/2023	Telephone conference with A. Weiss, Esq.; Receipt and review of emails and attachments from A. Weiss, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to A. Weiss, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	1.45	\$224.75
04/07/2023	Receipt and review of evaluation; Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	1.80	\$279.00
04/10/2023	Telephone conference with R. Friedman, Esq.; Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Friedman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.60	\$93.00
04/14/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	0.60	\$93.00
04/17/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to R. Friedman, Esq.; Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.35	\$54.25

04/18/2023	Telephone conference with J. Uliano, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.20	\$31.00
04/19/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of personnel documents In Re: Personnel	2.25	\$348.75
04/20/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to K. Waldman, Esq.; Office research; preparation and review of file; Receipt and review of correspondence from K. Waldman, Esq.; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan; Telephone conference with K. Waldman, Esq. In Re: Personnel	1.00	\$155.00
04/20/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan; Telephone conference with D. Zanzucki, AP; Telephone conference with Detective C. Trucillo; Research arrest records; Telephone conference with R. Lavender, AP In Re: Personnel Matter	1.00	\$155.00
04/20/2023	Telephone conference with R. Schwartz; Telephone conference with J. Uliano, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.30	\$46.50
04/21/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano and Dr. Handerhan; Receipt and review of correspondence from K. Waldman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to K. Waldman, Esq.; Receipt and review of correspondence from G. Maher In Re: Personnel	0.95	\$147.25
04/24/2023	Review and revise interview outlines; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel Matters	1.05	\$162.75
04/25/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Handerhan; Receipt and review of correspondence from G. Maher; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to G. Maher In Re: Personnel	1.20	\$186.00
04/25/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan; Telephone conference with law enforcement In Re: Personnel Matter	1.05	\$162.75
04/26/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from B. Smyth In Re: Personnel	0.35	\$54.25
04/26/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from J. Uliano, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.35	\$54.25
04/27/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Dr. Handerhan; Receipt and review of correspondence from M. Scarano; Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel	0.45	\$69.75
04/28/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from B. Smyth; Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Handerhan; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel Matter	0.45	\$69.75
04/28/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel Matter	0.10	\$15.50
04/30/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel	0.35	\$54.25

Quantity Subtotal 18.1

Quantity Total 18.1

Subtotal	\$2,805.50
Amount	\$2,805.50

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

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

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18993	05/30/2023	\$2,805.50	\$0.00	\$2,805.50
Outstanding Balance				\$8,594.75
Total Amount Outstanding				\$8,594.75

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Invoice # 18994
Date: 04/30/2023

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$550.25	+ \$178.25	) - (\$0.00	) = \$728.50

01007-Wall Township Board of Education

Special Education

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
04/03/2023	Telephone conference with K. Bond In Re: Student Matter	0.30	\$46.50
04/06/2023	Telephone conference with K. Bond In Re: Student Matter	0.20	\$31.00
04/25/2023	Telephone conferences with K. Bond In Re: Student Matter	0.65	\$100.75
Quantity Subtotal			1.15
Quantity Total			1.15
Subtotal			\$178.25
Amount			\$178.25

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Other Invoices

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

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18994	05/30/2023	\$178.25	\$0.00	\$178.25
Outstanding Balance				\$728.50
Total Amount Outstanding				\$728.50

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Invoice # 18995
 Date: 04/30/2023

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$0.00	+ \$852.50	) - (\$0.00	) = \$852.50

01024-Wall Township Board of Education

Negotiations

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
04/18/2023	Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: WTASC Negotiations	0.40	\$62.00
04/19/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from Dr. Handerhan; Office research; preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to D. Chomas In Re: WTASC Negotiations	1.20	\$186.00
04/19/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file; Review and revise Collective Bargaining Agreement In Re: Collective Bargaining Agreement	1.75	\$271.25
04/20/2023	Research, preparation, and attendance at WTASC Negotiations	1.50	\$232.50
04/21/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth In Re: WTASC Negotiations	0.65	\$100.75
Quantity Subtotal			5.5
Quantity Total			5.5
Subtotal			\$852.50
Amount			\$852.50

Detailed Statement of Account

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
18995	05/30/2023	\$852.50	\$0.00	\$852.50
Outstanding Balance				\$852.50
Total Amount Outstanding				\$852.50

Tax ID: 47-2275513