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Fwd: FOIA - School Board Member Information

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To: Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>

Wed, Dec 14, 2022 at 5:39 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vince Espi <news@news.locallabs.com>
Date: December 14, 2022 at 7:09:46 AM CST
To: SPtacek@jsd117.org
Subject: FOIA - School Board Member Information

Hello,

I am writing to you on behalf of LocalLabs which is the publisher of Prairie State Wire, an online publication that reports on and informs the Illinois public about local government activities.

We are requesting electronic records (preferably non-PDF where applicable) of the following data points for all current school board members:

- Full name (First, middle, last)
- Date of Birth
- Home address
- First day of service
- Was this board member appointed or elected

The purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information as a matter of public interest and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit. I qualify as media under the definition in Section 2 (c-10) ("Commercial purpose"), Section 2 (f) ("News media"), Section 2 (g) ("Recurrent requester"), and Section 2 (h) ("Voluminous request") of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purposes of being exempt to the provisions of Section 3.1 (Requests for commercial purposes), Section 3.2 (Recurrent requesters), Section 3.6 (Voluminous requests), and Section 6 (Authority to charge fees). Therefore, I request you furnish any responsive documents and items without charge.

Thanks,

Vince Espi

Local Labs

Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>
To: Steve Ptacek <sptacek@jsd117.org>

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On it.

Jacksonville School District #117

211 W State Street
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Matthew Moore, Assistant Superintendent

December 21, 2022

Dear Mr. Espi,

Thank you for writing to Jacksonville School District 117 with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On December 14, 2022, JSD 117 was in receipt of your request for the following information for current school board members at Jacksonville School District #117:

1. Full name (First, middle, last)
2. Date of Birth
3. Home Address
4. First Day of Service
5. Was this board member appointed or elected

As the FOIA Officer for Jacksonville School District 117, I am writing to inform you that your request is denied. Please find the explanation of the denial below:

- Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA exempts from disclosure "private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order." Under section 2(c-5), "private information" includes:
 - [u]nique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person.
 - In general, the section 7(1)(b) exemption protects from disclosure information that is readily identifiable to a single individual, whether a government employee or a person who otherwise has contact with a governmental agency. Underlying this exemption is the recognition that disclosure of these unique identifiers is generally not necessary to enable the public to monitor or assess the workings of government. On the other hand, disclosure of this information could lead to untoward results, such as harassment or identity theft.
- Section 8.5a of 5 ILCS 140 states, "Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, a public body is not required to copy a public record that is published on the public body's website. The public body shall notify the requester that the public record is available online and directed the requester to the website where the record can be reasonably accessed."
 - The information you requested is indeed posted online in our staff directory on our website, www.jsd117.org. Board member information can be found by clicking the "Board of Education" link, followed by the "Board Members" link

You have a right to have the denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
Email: public.access@ilag.gov.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Moore".

Matthew Moore
Assistant Superintendent
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