

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #117

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Mike McGiles, Director of Operations

February 28, 2019

Dear Mr. Huff,

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 February 21, 2019, you requested the following records:

1) Any information regarding the bidding process for the new electronic scoreboard to be installed at the district's football field, as reported by the Jacksonville Journal-Courier in their article, "Jacksonville school board approves scoreboard purchase", published on or about February 21, 2019, a copy of which is attached.

Responsive documents should include, but are not limited to, email messages between district staff regarding requested specifications for the scoreboard and proposed use of the board and its capabilities outside of the display of basic information about the contest being played at that time.

2) Any information showing responses from vendors regarding the scoreboard.

3) Any information regarding existing school district policy on local purchasing.

4) Any information regarding the cost of installation an artificial playing surface at the football stadium, as discussed in the Journal-Courier article.

As the FOIA Officer for Jacksonville School District 117 I am writing to inform you that your request is granted for items 1, 2, and 4 listed above (please see the information listed below and attached). Your request for item number 3 is denied for the following reason: Section 8.5.a 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 direct the requester to the website where the record can be reasonably accessed."

The information you requested for item number 3 is indeed posted online at our website, www.jsd117.org. It can be found under the Board of Education tab and then Board Policy Manual. From there you can view any and all Board Policies.

The information you requested for items 1, 2, and 4 is listed below:

1) There is no information on the bidding process. Bidding is not required on the purchase of used equipment.

Responsive documents – please see attachment for these documents.

2) This information is also included in the attachment.

4) We have not sought information on the cost of installation of an artificial surface at the football stadium. Therefore, we have no information to provide.

You have a right to have the denial of your request 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, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

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,



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