



July 15, 2016

Sarah Freishtat
The Beacon-News
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VIA EMAIL – sfreishtat@tribpub.com

Re: FOIA Request Dated June 30, 2016 and received July 1, 2016

Subject:

- 1) Copies of any and all emails sent since April 1, 2016 from Superintendent Matthew Wendt, incoming Superintendent John Sparlin or board President Matt Bauman regarding district spending cutbacks in light of the district's budget gap.
- 2) Any and all documents that will show the total amount the district spent between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 on food, travel and lodging.
 - A. Please note, I am not asking for a record of every expense, simply a record or combinations of records that will show the total amount spent in this category. If it is easier for you to provide every receipt, I will accept that, but that is not necessary.

Dear Ms. Freishtat:

This letter will serve as Community Unit School District 308's response to your June 30, 2016 request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), in which you asked for the above referenced information.

For request #1, per our discussion for clarification, the email information responsive to your request is attached.

In regards to request #2, as discussed, as of today, no completed record exists that can fulfill the request for "Any and all documents that will show the total amount the district spent between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 on food, travel and lodging." Elements of the information you are requesting is available to you via the Board Documents library located on the School District 308 website here:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/il/oswego308/Board.nsf/Public>.

To promote district transparency and assist others who may have a similar question, this responsive document will be posted online on the district's website. To access it, go to www.sd308.org and select *Our District > Freedom of Information Act Request > FOIA Request Responses*, then select *FOIA ID #16-21*.

Please be advised that to comply with your FOIA request, the district incurred the expense of **\$610.24** comprised of the cost of labor and resources used to search for records responsive to your request. You are not legally required to reimburse the district for the amount incurred.

Please let me know if you have additional questions. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Graves".

Brian Graves
Freedom of Information Officer

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From: Matthew Bauman [mailto:mbauman@sd308.org]

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 6:58 PM

To: Lauri Doyle; Brad Banks; Danielle Paul; Gregory O'neil; Jared Ploger; Michael Mcdowell

Cc: John Sparlin

Subject: June 27, July 11 and Triple I

Board,

The agenda will be coming out for the special meeting next week, and it will have a start time of 6:00 p.m. It should be a short meeting so we will wrap up early. The meeting on July 11 will start at 6:00p.m also, so that we have time for IASB board training.

Ursula will be sending out information for the Triple I conference in November. As part of budget reductions for each department, they are cutting out travel and food reimbursements. I feel it would not set a good example if the board did not set the same example. Ursula can still make the hotel reservations for you at the Hyatt, but each board member would pay for their room.

Dr. Sparlin is making his office available for one on one meetings with board members as well. This is another effort to show good stewardship of not having meals at the expense of the district.

If the current situation with the State of Illinois continues, we can expect the administration to present to us operating scenarios for the district. What will it look like to operate the district at half day schedule, reduced days, late starts etc.....we can currently operate for about 16 weeks with our reserves, but that would be money we would never recoup. If the state does not have a solution, we will need to decide what our plan will be so we can begin to communicate it to the public. Any questions, please ask Dr Sparlin. We can only hope that we see a bill passed that will fund K-12 education.

See you Monday
Matt

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Matt Bauman
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