



July 26, 2021

Shea Lazansky

VIA EMAIL – slazansky@shawmedia.com

Re: FOIA request dated 7/13/21 & received 7/13/21

Subject: Provide any and all complaints filed against Frank Tieri following his retirement from Oswego School District 308.

This letter will serve as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's response to your FOIA request received on July 13, 2021 under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), in which you asked for the above referenced information. The information regarding your request is attached. Redactions were made due to the following exemption under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act as follows:

Section 7(1)(c) - Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.

Section 7.5(r) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7.5(r): Information prohibited from being disclosed by the Illinois School Student Records Act.

The decision to withhold the redacted information was made by me consulting with our District legal counsel. 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, IL 62706

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 letter. 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. 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.

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 > FOIA Requests Responses -2021 > then select FOIA ID #21-43*.

Please be advised that to comply with your FOIA request, the district incurred an expense that comprised of the cost of labor and resources used to search for records responsive to your request. Let me know if you have additional questions. Thank you.

Carrie Szambelan

Carrie Szambelan
Freedom of Information Officer

Fwd: Commotion Over the Summer

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 2:29 PM
Subject: Commotion Over the Summer
To: Brian Cooney <bcooney@sd308.org>

Hi Mr. Cooney:

I am a Commotion parent but not on the Booster Board, so I don't speak for all parents in OVMD. When Frank Tieri retired but agreed to help with Commotion over the Summer until the new person was hired, I thought that was a good thing. Over the last several days, some information has come to light over social media that leads me to believe it would be better if Mr. Tieri does not continue working with these students in any capacity, and that we should not continue with Commotion rehearsals until the new person is on board and approved by the School District. The information is disturbing; that Mr. Tieri failed to report or notify appropriate people when students came to him regarding abuse, assault, suicidal ideation, and rape; and that a culture of bullying exists [REDACTED]. While these are accusations, there are now so many accusations it is difficult to continue to move forward with him at the helm.

I appreciate all you have done for our students and the efforts you've made to allow Commotion to continue to practice with Mr. Tieri, not knowing all this was going on. Now that it is "out there" on social media and some parents have already discussed with the Administration, I think the school should put a halt to him working with our SD308 students at this time.

Thank you for your consideration. Have a good day.

Best Regards,

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