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Fwd: Public Records Request - School Board

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

Fri, Jun 23, 2023 at 8:04 PM

Probably just send them the link to board page.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Josiah Chatterton <foia@prairiestatewire.com>
Date: June 23, 2023 at 6:36:56 PM CDT
To: sptacek@jsd117.org
Subject: Public Records Request - School Board

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from Prairie State Wire, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local government and community affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

Current school board members, with the following data points if available:

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

As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Josiah Chatterton
Prairie State Wire



Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>

FOIA Request from 6-23-2023

1 message

Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>
To: foia@prairiestatewire.com

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 3:30 PM

Mr. Chatterton,

Please see the attached response to the FOIA request we received on 6-23-2023.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M Moore".

*Assistant Superintendent
Jacksonville School District 117*

 **Board Info FOIA Response Letter 6-30-23.pdf**
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Jacksonville School District #117

211 W State Street
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650
Office: (217)243-9411
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Matthew Moore, Assistant Superintendent

June 30, 2023

Dear Mr. Chatterton:

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 June 23, 2023, 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', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Matthew Moore
Assistant Superintendent
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