

Subject: Fwd: New Agenda Item
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From: Kelli MacMillan <macmillank@mokena159.org>
Date: Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 10:25 PM
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To: Eric Bush <bushe@mokena159.org>

Mr. Bush,

In the spirit of working together as a more functional Board of Education, I urge you to reconsider your response to my request for accessing the closed meeting minutes set to be voted for destruction on Wednesday 2/20. Below is a snip of the OMA clause that affords me the right to access these records, not subject to limitation. Our BOE Policy 2:220 is consistent, which I have cited previously and attached for your reference. The verbiage is clear. Since you do not allow me access to our district's attorney, Mr. Fester, I reached out to the IL AG office today on the situation.

I will tentatively plan for Julie Oost and me to visit the district office at 1:30pm tomorrow to begin this review, as I requested. Please instruct the Administration on behalf of the BOE to have the recordings available to us at that time and update other members of the BOE.

Time is of the essence since these minutes are on our agenda to be voted on destroying. If we remove the line items from our 2/20/24 agenda all together, it will afford Julie and I more time to coordinate, which would be much appreciated.

(f) Minutes of meetings closed to the public shall be available only after the public body determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential, except that duly elected officials or appointed officials filling a vacancy of an elected office in a public body shall be provided access to minutes of meetings closed to the public. Access to minutes shall be granted in the public body's main office or official storage location, in the presence of a records secretary, an administrative official of the public body, or any elected official of the public body. No minutes of meetings closed to the public shall be removed from the public body's main office or official storage location, except by vote of the public body or by court order. Nothing in this subsection (f) is intended to limit the Public Access Counselor's access to those records necessary to address a request for administrative review under Section 7.5 of this Act.

Thank you in advance for your timely response,

Kelli MacMillan

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From: **Eric Bush** <bushe@mokena159.org>

Date: Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 8:47 AM

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To: School Board <schoolboard@mokena159.org>

Good morning Board. There was a flurry of emails and feedback regarding a board member's request for access to closed session records. We will add an agenda item for Wednesday to discuss the Board's will on how these requests will be facilitated. Currently, the Board's will is not to proceed with today's request until discussed in open session Wednesday.

Regards

Eric

— Attachments: —

Policy Manual 2-220.pdf

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