

From: hfb4444 <hfb4444@comcast.net>
To: lelan4444 <lelan4444@aol.com>
Subject: Fwd:
Date: Wed, Aug 10, 2011 10:22 am

Attached Message

From: Roni Slavin Pekins <pkay4@comcast.net>
To: hfb4444@comcast.net; alane@orcsd.org; mturnbull@orcsd.org; awright@orcsd.org; jkach55@gmail.com; kbutts@orcsd.org; joceoquinn@yahoo.com
Subject: community member's letter to ORCSD Board Members
Date: Sun, 17 Jul 2011 15:49:32 -0400

July 16, 2011

To the Oyster River Cooperative School District Board Members,

I write this letter out of necessity. It has come to my attention that a board member, Jim Kach, has revealed himself to be an individual with discriminatory views that make him unfit to continue serving as a public official. A link to his public twitter account (which has just been deleted by the author) has been circulated to many in the community. While I don't subscribe to wantonly dispensing personal information, these thoughts and opinions were published by this individual of his own accord to be accessed by anyone in cyberspace.

I read Mr. Kach's "tweets" with disgust and horror. From anti-semitism to misogyny to homophobia, it's all there. Certainly Mr. Kach is allowed the right of free speech under our constitution and he can continue spewing forth on the topics of his choosing as a private citizen. However, as a public official, Mr. Kach's stated personal biases call into question his decision making ability, his judgement in providing an educational environment that is safe for any and all types of individual to learn and work. He can no longer serve the public effectively. He must step down from his position on the school board. I cannot speak to how others in the community will react to this information, but it is within reason to imagine that some will chose a more public venue to express their outrage. To spare the district from a very unpleasant situation, I would recommend an expeditious resolution.

I have struggled with the best way to proceed after reading the publicly stated views of Mr. Kach. What is one individual's responsibility to eliminate bigotry and intolerance when confronted with it in this manner? While I have expressed my dissatisfaction with the school board's activities since March, please know that this is not about school politics, but human decency. No matter where one stands on personnel hiring, education philosophy, or the tax structure, if we don't all share a common belief in the sanctity of human and civil rights, then what can we ever share?

Please, I implore you to attend to this situation with the seriousness that it deserves.

Roni Slavin Pekins
10 Beards Landing
Durham

Attached Message

From: Wendy DiFruscio <wdfiruscio@orcsd.org>
To: Ann Lane <alane@orcsd.org>; Ann Wright <ann_wright@comcast.net>; Henry Brackett <hfb4444@comcast.net>; jkach55@gmail.com; joceoquinn@yahoo.com; kbutts@orcsd.org; Megan Turnbull <mturnbull@orcsd.org>
Cc: leon levesque <leon.levesque@gmail.com>

Subject: FW: Right to know - Interim
Date: Thu, 14 Jul 2011 09:50:19 -0400

FYI!

Wendy L. DiFruscio
Superintendent's Administrative Asst.
36 Coe Drive
Durham, NH 03824
868-5100 x20

The Right-to-Know-Law provides that most e-mail communications, to or from School District employees regarding the business of the School District, are government records available to the public upon request. Therefore, this e-mail communication may be subject to public disclosure.

-----Original Message-----

From: JoAnn Portalupi [<mailto:jportalupi@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 9:56 AM
To: Wendy DiFruscio
Subject: Right to know

Dear Wendy,

I would like to make a Right to Know request for a copy of the interim superintendent's contract. I apologize for having to trouble you for this information. I am interested to learn the salary terms of the contracts and have been unable to locate that information from Board minutes. Thank you.

JoAnn Portalupi

Sent from my iPad

Attached Message

From: Wendy DiFruscio <wdfruscio@orcsd.org>
To: Ann Lane <alane@orcsd.org>; Ann Wright <ann_wright@comcast.net>; Henry Brackett <hfb4444@comcast.net>; jkach55@gmail.com; joceoquinn@yahoo.com; kbutts@orcsd.org; Megan Tumbull <mtumbull@orcsd.org>
Subject: FW: "Right To Know" Request
Date: Thu, 14 Jul 2011 07:33:44 -0400

FYI!

Wendy L. DiFruscio
Superintendent's Administrative Asst.
36 Coe Drive
Durham, NH 03824
868-5100 x20

The Right-to-Know-Law provides that most e-mail communications, to or from School District employees regarding the business of the School District, are government records available to the public upon request. Therefore, this e-mail communication may be subject to public disclosure.

From: Mike McClurken [<mailto:mmcdurken@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 5:34 PM
To: Wendy DiFruscio
Subject: "Right To Know" Request

Wendy -

I'd like to get information on:

1. Total ORCSD enrollment for each year, 1996 - 2001, using the same methodology that resulted in a total enrollment of 2,049 for 2009.
2. % HS grads going on to 4-yr college, 2-yr college, etc. for 2000-2003, and 2009-2010, in the same format that was reported for 2004-2008 in regular district publications.

Thanks a lot.

Mike McClurken
26 Deer Meadow Road
Durham, NH 03824
868-6525

Attached Message

From: Wendy DiFruscio <wdifruscio@orcscd.org>
To: Ann Lane <alane@orcscd.org>; Ann Wright <ann_wright@comcast.net>; Henry Brackett <hfb4444@comcast.net>; jkach55@gmail.com; joceoquinn@yahoo.com; kbutts@orcscd.org; Megan Turnbull <mturnbull@orcscd.org>
Subject: FW: RTK Status?
Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 15:41:00 -0400

Please see the below listed email. Thank you

Wendy L. DiFruscio
Superintendent's Administrative Asst.
36 Coe Drive
Durham, NH 03824
868-5100 x20

The Right-to-Know-Law provides that most e-mail communications, to or from School District employees regarding the business of the School District, are government records available to the public upon request. Therefore, this e-mail communication may be subject to public disclosure.

From: David Taylor (Lowell) [<mailto:dkttaylor@F5.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:09 PM
To: Wendy DiFruscio
Subject: RTK Status?

I filed a Right-to-Know request on 20 June 2011 asking for records related to non-meeting arrangements. I received part of these documents on Thursday, 7 July 2011 after a few delays. On 7 July 2011 you wrote:

"We are still waiting for the School Board Chairman's e-mails. Those e-mails will then be reviewed by School District counsel. The expected date for completion of that review is the middle of next week."

Since it is now the middle of next week, would you please let me know the status of the remaining portion of my request?

As of this point, it has now been 23 days, and RSA 91-A sets a limit of 5 days which has now been greatly exceeded. According to the NH Attorney General's Memorandum on the Right-to-Know law (2009), p. 35, "If government records can be produced within five days, they must be produced within five days".

<http://www.doj.nh.gov/civil/documents/right-to-know.pdf>

Since all other board members have complied, I assume the Chair is also able to comply and is subject to the same time limits.

Thanks,
-David

Attached Message

From: Megan Turnbull <mturnbull@orcsd.org>
To: Leon Levesque <llevesque@orcsd.org>
Cc: hfb4444@comcast.net
Subject: FW: RTK Status?
Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 20:55:55 -0400

Hi Lee,

I don't believe you were copied on this RTK request. There are previous requests as well. Perhaps Wendy DiFruscio can provide the historical background.

Thank you,

Megan

-----Original Message-----

From: Wendy DiFruscio
Sent: Wed 7/13/2011 3:41 PM
To: Ann Lane; Ann Wright; Henry Brackett; James Kach (jkach55@gmail.com); jocequinn@yahoo.com;
Krista Butts (kbutts@orcsd.org); Megan Turnbull
Subject: FW: RTK Status?

Please see the below listed email. Thank you

Wendy L. DiFruscio

Superintendent's Administrative Asst.

36 Coe Drive

Durham, NH 03824

868-5100 x20

The Right-to-Know-Law provides that most e-mail communications, to or from School District employees regarding the business of the School District, are government records available to the public upon request. Therefore, this e-mail communication may be subject to public disclosure.

From: David Taylor (Lowell) [<mailto:dktaylor@F5.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:09 PM
To: Wendy DiFruscio
Subject: RTK Status?

I filed a Right-to-Know request on 20 June 2011 asking for records related to non-meeting arrangements. I received part of these documents on Thursday, 7 July 2011 after a few delays. On 7 July 2011 you wrote:

"We are still waiting for the School Board Chairman's e-mails. Those e-mails will then be reviewed by School District counsel. The expected data for completion of that review is the middle of next week."

Since it is now the middle of next week, would you please let me know the status of the remaining portion of my request?

As of this point, it has now been 23 days, and RSA 91-A sets a limit of 5 days which has now been greatly exceeded. According to the NH Attorney General's Memorandum on the Right-to-Know law (2009), p. 35, "If government records can be produced within five days, they must be produced within five days".

<http://www.doj.nh.gov/civil/documents/right-to-know.pdf>

Since all other board members have complied, I assume the Chair is also able to comply and is subject to the same time limits.

Thanks,
-David