

April 14, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC EMAIL Brian Andersen IBEW Local 601 bandersen@ibew601.org

Dear Mr. Andersen,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 10, 2025.

You requested:

- Any and all work involved with Water's Electric at Rantoul High school and/or at any building within Rantoul City schools district #137...
- (1) Copies of minutes from all meetings (including general meetings, committee meetings, executive board meetings, and/or any other) in which this project and/or Water's Electric were discussed.
- (2) Copies of any signed or tentative contract documents between the district and Water's Electric.
- (3) Copies of any and all Certified Payroll documents regarding Water's Electric performing work at Rantoul City schools district #137.

Below is our response:

Rantoul City Schools District #137 is a separate entity from Rantoul Township High School. Our district does not represent or maintain records for Rantoul Township High School. Any request regarding work performed at that institution should be directed to their administrative office.

As currently written, the request seeks "any and all" records related to Water's Electric, including all meeting minutes, contracts, and certified payroll documents, without specifying a particular project or timeframe. Due to this lack of specificity, the request is considered unduly burdensome as defined in Section 3(g) of FOIA. Requests calling for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. 5 ILCS 140/3(g). Complying with such a broadly defined request would require an extensive search and review of potentially thousands of records, which would significantly interfere with the operations of the district.

If you do not reduce your request to a manageable scope, the District will exercise its right under Section 3(g) of FOIA to deny your request for these records.

To help us process your request more efficiently, we kindly ask that you narrow its scope. For example, you may consider:

- Specifying time frame or a specific project for the requested records.
- Clarifying whether you are requesting records from specific individuals, departments, or groups within the District.
- Indicating if there are additional details or subject matter that could help us focus the search on the information most relevant to your needs.

We value transparency and accountability and are committed to working with you to refine your request to ensure timely and effective access to public records. Please feel free to contact me directly at 217-893-5400 or swoods@rcs137.org if you have any questions or need assistance narrowing your request.

The person responsible for the response to your request is Scott Woods, FOIA Officer for the School District. You may ask the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor (PAC) to review this response concerning your records request, by submitting a Request for Review to the PAC by electronic mail or U.S. Mail within 60 days after this response, denial, or partial denial of your request. A request for Review by the PAC should be directed to:

Public Access Bureau Office of the Attorney General 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield IL 62706 <u>publicaccess@atg.state.il.us</u>

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The PAC's telephone number is (877) 299-FOIA.

You also have the right to administrative review by a court of law pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Scott C. Woods, FOIA Officer Rantoul City School District #137