

Geneva Community Unit School District 304

Office of the Superintendent

MEMO

To: Board of Education
From: Kent Mutchler
Subject: Response to Freedom of Information Request(s)
Date: November 14, 2011

Per the requirements of the statute, the Board is receiving notification that the following FOIA requests have been received and responded to by Communication Coordinator Kelley Munch or Superintendent Kent Mutchler.

- 1) Rich Hayhurst, Geneva, requested the following records: "...the current enrollment figures as previously requested." This FOIA was received October 17, 2011, and responded to on October 20, 2011. It took one District employee a total of 30 minutes (\$14.66) to respond to this FOIA.
- 2) Rich Hayhurst, Geneva, requested the following records: "Please be so kind as to forward all of my FOIA requests and attendant costs for the years 2010 and 2011. (Please include the cost of this FOIA). ... One additional question. I spoke this week with an attorney at the Illinois Attorney General's office and he stated to me that other Illinois districts, with which he is familiar do not report, as a routine matter, FOIA costs directly to the board in their public meetings. Do you have a comment on his statement or this issue? Are you aware of any other districts that have this policy? Also, exactly when did this practice begin in Geneva?" This FOIA was received October 24, 2011, and responded to on October 27, 2011. It took two District employees a total of 1 hour, 5 minutes (\$32.51) to respond to this FOIA.
- 3) Rich Hayhurst, Geneva, requested the following records: "'I read the following in a recent Herald article – regarding your reporting on the costs of my recent FOIA request. 'The lawyer bill was for review of three requests Hayhurst made. The lawyer spent only three-quarters of an hour on the enrollment request, Munch said, at a total of \$133.' Please provide a copy of the attorneys bill referenced above. I am curious as to the three FOIA requests billed under that statement.'" This FOIA was received October 17, 2011, and responded to on October 20, 2011. It took one District employee a total of one hour (\$29.32) to respond to this FOIA. Total attorney time equaled 0.3 hours (\$57).
- 4) Diane Rado, Chicago Tribune, requested the following records: "A copy of the fact-finding report or any other review sent to the state by your district and/or school, and any other correspondence between ISBE and your school or district related to testing irregularities outlined in ISBE records released last week; Records related to any educator who resigned or was removed, suspended or disciplined in any way in connection with testing irregularities cited by ISBE records released last week. These records should include but not be limited to public Board of Education minutes which reference educators disciplined in connection with test irregularities." This FOIA was received November 1, 2011, and responded to on November 3, 2011. It took three District employees a total of 2 hours, 30 minutes (\$96.01) to respond to this FOIA. Total attorney time equaled 0.7 hours (\$133).

If additional information is required, please notify me.

KM/pb

Cc: K. Munch, Communication Coordinator