

Looten, Kathy

From: Riley, Claudette <criley@springfi.gannett.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 2:20 PM
To: Looten, Kathy
Cc: Bledsoe, Teresa
Subject: Sunshine Law request

Kathy,

I am trying to build a salary timeline for former Springfield teacher Ron White so I'm requesting a salary amount for White during various schools years. We understand, in advance, that his salary may fluctuate slightly based on whether White was coaching or not. To make this as easy as possible, I am just asking for a "point in time" salary amount from each of the listed school years. If you know of a better (less time-consuming) way to do it, please let me know.

Kathy Looten
Kraft Administrative Center
1359 E. St. Louis
Springfield, MO 65802

I am requesting the following information under the Missouri Sunshine Law, Chapter 610, Revised Statutes of Missouri:

- A salary amount for Ron W. White, who retired in 2010, from each of the following school years: 1984-85 (Hillcrest), 1987-88 (Parkview), 1996-97 (Carver/PV), 1998-1999 (Central), 2006-07 (Pipkin) and ending pay in 2009-10 (Pipkin)

I request that the records be provided in an electronic database or spreadsheet format and that all fees for copies be waived. I ask for this waiver because the information obtained under this request will be used in the public interest and is "likely to contribute significantly to public understanding" of government operations and is not primarily in the commercial interest of myself or the news organization I represent, as defined under RSMo 610.026.1(1).

If costs are involved and are expected to exceed \$50, please contact me before proceeding at one of the phone numbers below.

If portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, the state Sunshine Law requires you to segregate those portions and release the remainder of the records. The state law also requires you to justify all deletions in writing by citing specific statutory exemptions.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me using the addresses or telephone numbers listed below. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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April 19, 2017

Ms. Claudette Riley
Springfield News-Leader
criley@news-leader.com

Dear Ms. Riley:

This letter will respond to your email dated Monday, April 17, 2017, which was received by me that day. Your request asks for certain public records pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Statute as follows:

“A salary amount for Ron W. White, who retired in 2010, from each of the following school years: 1984-85 (Hillcrest), 1987-88 (Parkview), 1996-97 (Carver/PV), 1998-1999 (Central), 2006-07 (Pipkin) and ending pay in 2009-10 (Pipkin).”

In order to be subject to disclosure under the Missouri Sunshine Law, documents must constitute “public records” of the “public governmental body.” In the case of the School District of Springfield, R-12, the “public governmental body” is the Board of Education for the School District of Springfield, R-12. The term “public governmental body” also includes certain other defined entities, including:

“(e) Any committee appointed by or at the direction of any of the entities and which is authorized to report to any of the above-named entities, any advisory committee appointed by or at the direction of any of the named entities for the specific purpose of recommending, directly to the public governmental body’s governing board or its chief administrative officer, policy or policy revisions or expenditures of public funds . . .”

The term “public records” is defined in Section 610.010(6) RSMo. as follows:

(6) “Public record”, *any record*, whether written or electronically stored, *retained by or of any public governmental body* including any report, survey, memorandum, or other document or study *prepared and presented to the public governmental body* by a consultant or other professional service paid for in whole or in part by public funds; provided, however, that personally identifiable student records maintained by public educational institutions shall be open for inspection by the parents, guardian or other custodian of students under the age of eighteen years and by the parents, guardian or other custodian and the student if the student is over the age of eighteen years. *The term “public record” shall not include any internal memorandum or letter received or prepared by or on behalf of a member*

of a public governmental body consisting of advice, opinions and recommendations in connection with the deliberative decision-making process of said body, unless such records are retained by the public governmental body or presented at a public meeting.” [emphasis added]

Generally, the District will not provide you with any public documents which may be encompassed by your request and which are closed records under the Sunshine Law, Section 610.021 RSMo.

With this explanation in mind, the Board responds as follows to your requests:

Your request has been approved and the information is attached.

Thank you for your request.

Sincerely,

Kathy L. Looten

Kathy L. Looten
Executive Office Liaison/District Records Custodian

c: Ransom A. Ellis, III

attachment

Name	Job Title	Work Location	Effective Date	Annual
WHITE, RONNIE	Teacher	Hillcrest	1984-85	22,034.00
	Teacher	Parkview	1987-88	28,804.00
	Teacher-In School Suspension	Carver/Pleasant View	1996-97	37,656.00
	Teacher-In School Suspension	Central	1998-99	46,096.00
	Teacher-In School Suspension	PIPKIN MIDDLE SCHOOL	2006-07	52,914.00
	Teacher-in School Suspension	PIPKIN MIDDLE SCHOOL	2009-10	58,419.00