From: Bruder, Candace L
To: [redacted]m
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Rowland, Gillian C; Godley, Molly D
Subject: RE: FOIA Request
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 2:06:34 PM
Attachments: FOIA request of Oct. 3_Oct. 23 email.pdf

Dear Mr. Bisi,

As a follow-up to the below email I sent this morning, I will let the finance department know you have decided to pay via check in leiu of credit card as per the attached email I subsequently received from you. As such, you will no longer be receiving a phone call from our finance department to process payment.

Regards,
Candace

From: Bruder, Candace L
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 10:36 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <Gillian.Rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Bisi,

As conveyed in the attached email sent to you on Friday, October 20, 2023 the District will respond to your request within the timeframe required by the FOIA statute.

We will have someone from the finance department reach out to you at [redacted] to process your credit card payment.

Regards,
Candace

From: bisi@roadrunner.com <bisi@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:43 AM
To: 'bisi@roadrunner.com' <bisi@roadrunner.com>
Cc: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <Gillian.Rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; 'mdimitrov@islandpacket.com' <mdimitrov@islandpacket.com>; 'wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov' <wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov>

Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Candace,

Can I get an answer to my queston I submitted on Friday afternoon and that is;

I am prepared to send a check for the deposit as you outlined. But I need to know how quickly the district will respond because my FOIA request is 1.Very time sensitive and 2.Very much in the public interest

I also called the District office this morning re paying the deposit by credit card over the phone. I could not get an answer and was finally directed to Wendy Cartledge where I left a voice mail.

Still no response. Crickets!!!!

Richard

From: [redacted]
To: Candace L"
Cc: Wendy B", Gillian C", Molly D", "mdimitrov@islandpacket.com", "wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov"
Sent: Saturday October 21 2023 7:01:28AM
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Candace,

I am not sure what is going on but there is NOTHING from the school district in my spam folder.

The first email I received re my FOIA request was on Friday, Oct 20 @ 8:35 am. As a result, there has been a one week delay.

Meanwhile,

I sent you this email at 2:17pm on Friday and need an immediate response.

I am prepared to send a check for the deposit as you outlined. But I need to know how quickly the district will respond because my FOIA request is 1.Very time sensitive and 2.Very much in the public interest

Thank you.

Richard Bisi

From: "Bruder, Candace L"
To: [redacted]
Cc: Wendy B", Gillian C", Molly D"
Sent: Friday October 20 2023 5:44:35PM
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Bisi-

Please see the attached emails that have been sent to you, starting on Oct. 16. You may wish to check your spam folder to see if they ended up there.

Regards,
Candace

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <Gillian.Rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: FOIA Request

Just to be clear, this email sent this morning at 8:35 is the FIRST email I have received from the District re my FOIA request.

Richard Bisi

From: "Bruder, Candace L"
To: [redacted]
Cc: Wendy B", Gillian C", Molly D"
Sent: Friday October 20 2023 8:35:04AM
Subject: Re: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Bisi-

As conveyed in yesterday's email, the district responded to your October 3, 2023 FOIA request on Monday, October 16,
2023: https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1697571587/beaufortk12scus/cwpc040ps278bpthu86w/Redacted_Response_RE_FOIARequest.pdf.

Regards,
Candace

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 7:51 AM
To: Cartledge, Wendy B <wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: 'mdimitrov@islandpacket.com' <mdimitrov@islandpacket.com>
Subject: FW: FOIA Request

WARNING: This email originated from outside of Beaufort County School District's email system. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Please consider this email as a follow up to my email of October 19th, wherein I inquired as to the status of my FOIA Request dated October 3, 2023 (see below).

The statute required a response by October 18th. Thus far, I have not received any reply from your office. Perhaps this lack of the required reply was in error; therefore, please consider this email as a timely reminder a reply is due.

As you know, this matter is extremely time sensitive.

Sincerely,

Richard Bisi

From: [redacted]
To: "wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us", "Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us"
Cc: "btolley@islandpacket.com", "mdimitrov@islandpacket.com"
Sent: Tuesday October 3 2023 12:30:10PM
Subject: FOIA Request

October 3, 2023
To: The Custodian of Records and/or the Freedom of Information Officer for the Beaufort County School District

RE: **Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Sir/Madam or Custodian of Records:

Under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §30-4-10, et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect and/or obtain copies*of public records, including, but not limited to, emails, correspondence, documents, text messages, and any other materials pertaining to the following:

1. The hiring of, and the independent consulting contracts between, Dr. Herb Berg and Superintendent Frank Rodriguez, from August 1, 2022 to the present;

2. Any/all communications, to include emails and text messages, to/from/between Dr. Berg and any district employee, elected official, and/or the following email addresses, as it pertains to the hiring and independent consulting contracts for Berg.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Copy of any communication from any electronic device that is transacting government business

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed $50.00. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest.

While the statute allows for ten business days to respond this request I ask you expediate this matter since it is extremely time sensitive.

Please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

Sincerely,

Richard Bisi