From: Bruder, Candace L
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Godley, Molly D
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024 4:28:12 PM

Dear Mr. Cook,
There are no existing public documents responsive to your request because no one signed in at the district office during the timeframe you requested, nor does our IT department have a record of Zoom attendees.
Regards,
Candace

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From: David Cook [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 12:59 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Good afternoon.

It is inaccurate to say there are no public documents. Anytime public funding is used for anything in any agency including a school district it's a public document.

The guest sign in book I have physically signed in on and it is kept in the district main office for purposes of keeping track of who's there and when. So that book exists I have seen it and I know that the book is kept. Stating that there's no public document is false. Those types of documents are routinely audited.

Stating that the sign in book is not a public document is false.
That's a violation of the Freedom of information Act by refusing to provide me with the information regarding that book. Further any report that's generated from zoom is a public document. A record is already been created digitally by the school district zoom account for board meetings.

Stating that the record of attendance on zoom is not a public document is factually false. It is a public document it's just kept electronically. And we all know that you're capable of transferring document electronically to the sheriff's Office.

Please send me both documents I requested. They are considered public documents because public funding is

used to create their existence. This is a key factor as to whether or not a document is public. Tax dollars are used for both of these items.

As such they're subject to the Freedom of information act.

Thank you

On Wed, Oct 30, 2024, 12:00 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook,
>
> There are no existing public documents responsive to your request.
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> **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024 10:27 AM
> **To:** Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Cc:** Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
>
> Thank you.
>
> I appreciate you sending me that information.
>
> My request still stands.
>
> I'd still like to see the guest sign in book for the school district office for those days. From 3:00 p.m. on. That is a public document.
>
> Also I'd like to see the zoom participants for those two days from 3pm on, as well and that is also public information.
>
> Thank you

On Tue, Oct 29, 2024, 9:21 AM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook,
>
> As previously communicated, there are no public documents responsive to your request as the district does not maintain records of attendance for executive session. However, you may want to look at the below meeting minutes that are publicly available on the Board of Education website. ***Please note****: These meeting minutes are not necessarily a record of who attended Executive Session, but rather who was present for the vote to go into Executive Session. (Board members may opt out of attending Executive Session- or arrive late after the vote to go into Executive Session has already taken place.)*
>
> July 6, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes - https://www.beaufortschools.net/fs/resource-manager/view/2deceed2-5010-4af0-8596-e3f07beb1ffc
>
> July 9, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes - https://www.beaufortschools.net/fs/resource-manager/view/35c402ca-9e31-47e4-a83d-e90983638f48
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From: David Cook [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Good afternoon
A revised request for the information regarding the special called board meetings on July 6 and July 9, 2023.

I'd like to see the guest sign in book for both dates for up to 3 hours prior to the special called meetings.

I'd also like to see the list of zoom participants for both days please.

Thank you.

On Thu, Oct 24, 2024, 11:18 AM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook-
>
> As previously communicated, there are no public documents responsive to your request as the district does

not maintain records of attendance for executive session.

Regards,
Candace

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From: David Cook [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 6:54 AM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <Gillian.Rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
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Good morning.
There are records of who was in attendance, but only what was discussed is protected under executive session only for comments made by the board and to and from board legal counsel.
3rd party individuals outside of board legal counsel are not protected by the veil of executive session.

I am requesting the names of those in attendance by end of business October 24, 2024 as it has been 224 days since the revised request was made.

In an effort to streamline and follow policy, I refrained from filing another FOIA request as recommended by online BCSD policy and online guidelines for FOIA requests.

Please call me if you have any questions. 843 298 3412
Thank you.

On Wed, Mar 13, 2024, 2:18 PM David Cook <lcfhhi@gmail.com> wrote:

> Thank you for responding.
>
> That's untrue. Robyn knows who was there. The secretary, Ms Middleton, is also responsible for taking attendance.
>
> Who was in attendance, in person and via zoom when the special called meeting was called to order before the board voted to go into executive session?
> Thank you.
>
> On Wed, Mar 13, 2024, 1:51 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Dear Mr. Cook,

There are no public documents responsive to your request as the district does not maintain records of attendance for executive session.

Regards,
Candace

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From: David Cook [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2024 9:38 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <Gillian.Rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
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Thank you.
Other than the board, and Ms Cartledge, who else was in attendance, other than Mr Reagle?

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 8, 2024, at 4:57 PM, Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:
>
> Dear Mr. Cook,
>
> John Reagle was the attorney in attendance at the referenced Special Called Board meetings.
>
> Regards,
> Candace
>
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> **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 4:28 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>
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And what was the name of the attorney that was in attendance at the meeting that night ?
He was at the district office in person from what I could understand in the video broadcast of that special meeting of the board.
Since I see her this is the name of the law firm but not the lawyer. I'm looking for the name of the individual lawyer. Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 5, 2024, 11:46 AM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook
>
> Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A. participated in the attached Special Called Board meetings on July 6 and July 9, 2023.
>
> Regards,
> Candace
>
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> **From:** David Cook <lcfhhi@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2024 4:13 PM
> **To:** Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Cc:** Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <Gillian.Rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
>
> Good afternoon I'm going to revise and refine.
> Requesting:
>
> The names of law firm paid for any special board meetings in the month of July and August 2023.
> Thank you and have a nice weekend.
>
> On Fri, Feb 23, 2024, 3:41 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:
>
> > Dear Mr. Cook,
> >
> > Please provide the exact search terms you would like the IT department to use responsive to the “emails” portion of your request.

Regards,
Candace

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From: David Cook [redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 6:09 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Hello.
As of May 15, 2023.through December 31, 2023.

Name of legal counsel/ firm for the board of education in all other matters outside of bond referendum.
Such as indicated by a letter of engagement, invoices, or payments, emails, or otherwise.

Legal counsel for the board of education in attendance at any meeting of the board or it's committees.

Including but not limited to: July 6 2023 special called meeting.

Thank you.

On Mon, Feb 12, 2024, 5:02 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook,
>
> There are no more public documents responsive to the timeframe denoted in your request.
>
> Regards,
> Candace
>
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>
> **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 8:33 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: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Thank you.

On Tue, Feb 6, 2024, 7:36 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook,
>
> Thank you for clarifying your start date. The district will respond within the timeframe allotted in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-30(C).
>
> Regards,
> Candace
>
> ---
>
> **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2024 10:35 AM
> **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: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
>
> Hello.
> Start date is May 15, 2023.
> Thank you.
>
> On Wed, Jan 31, 2024, 9:48 AM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:
>
> > Dear Mr. Cook,
> >
> > Please provide a specific start date for the public documents you are requesting.
> >
> > Regards,
> > Candace
> >
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> > **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> > **Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:12 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>
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Hello.
So now your going to tell me what I meant or said? I included the definition of recent.

Asking for clarification from me might be helpful, such as county and town governments, the SCDE, BCSO, etc. When they want clarification they just call or email me. When I call them back, they talk to me.

You somehow still think a email is more accurate when you've demonstrated again, it's not and creates confusion on your end.

Sorry I confused you.

At the time of the request on January 10th, I was looking for recent documents, not new.
The document from Burr did not exist.
I asked for recent, as in the recent past.
Not "current or new"

I was looking for recent existing documents as of January 10th.

See the definition of "recent".

recent

adjective

US /ˈriː.sənt/ **UK** /ˈriː.sənt/

Add to word list

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happening or starting from a short time ago:

Is that a recent photo?

Have you been following recent political events?

In recent times/years/months, etc. there has been an increase in the amount of violence on television.

I'm maintaining my Jan 10th request as it has not been fulfilled based on the language I used.

Please provide me with the appropriate

information I have requested, as of January 10th.

This is my FOIA request. I'll determine if I've received accurate information or not.

Thank you.

n Wed, Jan 24, 2024, 5:32 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook,
>
> Your request asked for the following:
>
> 1. *"Most recent Contracts for Legal counsel for the Beaufort County School District"*
> 2. *"Most recent contracts for Legal counsel for Beaufort County School District Board of Education"*
>
> It is inaccurate to say you asked for documentation "*prior to January 2024 as written in my request*." You asked for the "*most recent*" which is what was provided.
>
> You are welcome to submit a separate FOIA request for a specific date range: https://www.beaufortschools.net/about-us/public-infofoia-request/foiafoia-requests/foia-online-request-form.
>
> Regards,
> Candace
>
> **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:07 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>
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Dear Dr Bruder,
Thank you.
My request as filed January 10, 2024.
I was looking for recent contracts, prior to that date.
Not current contracts.
May I have those contracts please for
1.the attorneys who advise the district administration,
2. the attorneys who advise the school board,
from prior to January 2024 as written in my request?

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

> On Jan 23, 2024, at 5:24 PM, Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:
>
> Dear Mr. Cook,
>
> Please see the attached public documents responsive to your January 10, 2024 FOIA request.
>
> Regards,
>
> Candace
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> **From:** Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1:27 PM

To: 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>
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Name:	David Cook
Address:	[redacted]
Home Phone Number:	[redacted]
E-mail Address:	[redacted]
Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	Most recent Contracts for Legal counsel for the Beaufort County School District Most recent contracts for Legal counsel for Beaufort County School District Board of Education

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