

June 22, 2015

Mr. Dan Whisenhunt
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Dear Mr. Whisenhunt:

This law firm represents the City Schools of Decatur (“CSD”) and has been asked to assist the system in responding to your Open Records Act request dated June 17, 2015, which was directed via email to various school system officials/staff. The following is the response of the school system to your request.

Request #1: I am requesting to inspect a copy of the contract for 3.9 acres along Talley Street that the School Board approved June 10, 2015.

Response: The Open Records Act provides that real estate appraisals, engineering or feasibility estimates, or other records made by or for the agency relative to the acquisition of real property may be withheld from disclosure until such time as the property has been acquired or the proposed transaction has been terminated or abandoned. O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(9). The purchase and sale agreement was prepared for the Board relative to the acquisition and the property has not yet been acquired; therefore, the contract is not subject to disclosure.

Request #2: I would also like to see a copy of the affidavit authorizing the board to enter into executive session on June 9, 2015.

Response: The affidavit stating the subject matter of the executive session is available for review. Please contact Ms. Courtney Burnett directly to arrange an appointment for inspection.

The Open Records Act provides that the school system may impose a reasonable charge for the search, retrieval, redaction and production or copying costs for the production of the records. O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71(c)(1). The charge for the search, retrieval or redaction of records shall not exceed the prorated hourly salary of the lowest paid full-time employee who, in the reasonable discretion of the custodian of the records, has the necessary skill and training to perform the request; provided, however, that no charge shall be made for the first quarter hour. O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71(c)(1). The estimated number of hours required for the search, retrieval and redaction is approximately less than 15 minutes; therefore, the estimated cost of \$0.00.

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Sincerely,

WILSON, MORTON & DOWNS, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Golymbieski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a distinct "G".

Debra A. Golymbieski

cc: Phyllis A. Edwards, Ed.D.
Courtney Burnett