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State Records Committee- appeal filed

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Tracy Taylor

Thu, Jul 30, 2015 at 12:25 PM

To: ndubovik@utah.gov

Dear Nova-

Thank you for your assistance yesterday on the phone.

I am appealing the GRAMA appeal response from the superintendent of Wasatch School District, dated July 2, 2015.

In the original GRAMA request #3, I request all email communication between the superintendent, school board and business administrator in the past year. There are a few reasons why I am appealing that item to you:

1. The Wasatch School District is charging us, Wasatch Taxpayers Association, \$1500 to honor our GRAMA request. We are a non profit, 100% volunteer organization and requested a fee waiver. We cannot afford the bill to receive public documents we have a right to see. We question whether this bill is an attempt by the school district to deny the request.
2. This information is for the public good, since we share all our GRAMA requests with our citizens on our website:

<http://wasatchtaxpayersassociation.com/>

<http://wasatchtaxpayersassociation.com/government-entities/wasatch-school-district/>

3. The Wasatch School District purchased "NetMail Archiver" software system for \$28,000 on May 15, 2014. We are questioning the cost of \$1500 to process our email request, when we already purchased this costly archive software.

Is it currently being used efficiently by our school district to handle a request such as ours?

Item # 4 - <http://www.wasatch.edu/cms/lib/UT01000315/Centricity/Domain/9/05.15.14%20Minutes.pdf>

4. We are questioning how many emails our school board and administration are circulating

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amongst themselves to discuss issues that are required to be discussed in public meetings. The annual budget is very large, and we question the process of discussion to administer those taxpayer funds. If you see the school district website minutes (which are not updated promptly) and recordings, there is very little discussion or detail taking place in public meetings or records, and never a dissenting vote by a school board member: <http://www.wasatch.edu/Page/6650>

- I asked the superintendent to itemize the cost of processing the emails to better understand the process- that is located in the 7-17-15 attachment.

-The original response to this GRAMA was done by the business administrator via email (below), and is referenced in the "Johansen response 6-15-15" attachment:

From: KEITH JOHANSEN [mailto:KEITH.JOHANSEN@wasatch.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 3:56 PM

Subject: response to GRAMA request dated 9 June 2015

The GRAMA request you submitted on 9 June 2015 included 7 specific "records." Each item, listed 1 through 7, will require a response.

#1 - all employees who have retired from Wasatch County School District and have returned to work since FY2012. Response - there are no employees since FY2012 who have worked for the District, retired, then returned to work for the District.

#2 - real estate purchase contract, appraisal, and closing documents on the Danial property. Response - the documents are attached. There was, however, no appraisal done on the property.

#3 - all emails between the board, superintendent, and business administrator in the last year. Response - your request for a fee waiver is denied due to the excessive amount of time required to fulfill this request. It is estimated to take 60 research hours to fulfill this request. Therefore, at \$25.00/hour, the fee is estimated to be \$1,500.00. The District personnel who will do this research will not begin the process until the estimated fee is collected.

#4 - all schools expanded or added to in the last 10 years. Response - this record is already available on the Transparency website, but a copy is attached for your convenience.

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#5 - improvements to the pool at TIS in the last 7 years, and how much. Response - your request for a fee waiver is denied due to the amount of time required to fulfill this request. It is estimated to take 3 research hours to fulfill this request. Therefore, at \$25.00/hour, the fee is estimated to be \$75.00. The District personnel who will do this research will not begin the process until the estimated fee is collected.

#6 - total cost of curriculum books, broken down by grade and year, from 2000 to 2013. Response - the District follows the State record retention schedule which requires the maintenance of 5 years of records. So the District will not go back to 2000 as requested. Also, there is no record which would show the cost broken down by grade. However, the financial reports available on the USOE website would show total costs of textbook purchases for each year going back several years.

Your request for a fee waiver is denied due to the amount of time required to fulfill this request. It is estimated to take 3 research hours to fulfill this request. Therefore, at \$25.00/hour, the fee is estimated to be \$75.00. The District personnel who will do this research will not begin the process until the estimated fee is collected.

#7 - procedure implemented by the District to monitor the effectiveness of digital conversion. Response - the District does not have this record. A governmental entity is not required to create a record to fulfill this request as provided in Utah Code 63G-2-201(8)(a)(i).

Please let me know if more information is needed.

Thank you for your time,

Tracy Taylor

Chair, Wasatch Taxpayers Association