

Received December 14, 2020

**From:** Kaza Rhan <news@news.locallabs.com>  
**Date:** December 14, 2020 at 6:44:31 PM CST  
**To:** sptacek@jsd117.org  
**Subject:** FOIA Request - Elected Boards and Officials

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of LocalLabs which is the publisher of Prairie State Wire, an online publication that reports on and informs the public about local government activities. We are requesting data on your elected boards and officials.

Additionally, we are requesting electronic (preferably non-PDF such as CSV, Excel, Txt) data with the following data points:

- 1) Name
- 2) Term start date
- 3) Term end date
- 4) Salary
- 5) Email Address

The purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information as a matter of public interest and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit. I qualify as media under the definition in Section 2 (c-10) ("Commercial purpose"), Section 2 (f) ("News media"), Section 2 (g) ("Recurrent requester"), and Section 2 (h) ("Voluminous request") of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purposes of being exempt to the provisions of Section 3.1 (Requests for commercial purposes), Section 3.2 (Recurrent requesters), Section 3.6 (Voluminous requests), and Section 6 (Authority to charge fees). Therefore, I request you furnish any responsive documents and items without charge.

Thank you,

Kaza Rhan  
Manager  
LocalLabs

## JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #117

211 W State Street  
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Office: (217)243-9411  
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Mike McGiles, Director of Operations

December 18, 2020

Dear Kaza Rhan,

Thank you for writing to Jacksonville School District 117 with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On December 14, 2020, JSD 117 was in receipt of your request for the following records regarding our elected boards and officials:

1. Name
2. Term start date
3. Term end date
4. Salary
5. Email address

As the FOIA Officer for Jacksonville School District 117 I am writing to inform you that your request for items 1, 2, 3, and 5 is denied for the following reason:

- Section 8.5.a of 5 ILCS 140 states, "Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, a public body is not required to copy a public record that is published on the public body's website. The public body shall notify the requester that the public record is available online and direct the requester to the website where the record can be reasonably accessed."
  - The information you requested is indeed posted online at our website, [www.jsd117.org](http://www.jsd117.org). It can be found under the Board of Education tab and then Board Members. There you can view each Board member and find the information you requested.

No responsive documents or records exist pertaining to your request for item number 4,

You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McGiles'.

Mike McGiles  
Director of Operations  
FOIA Officer  
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