

May 26, 2023

From: Robert A. Williams

To: Cleveland County Schools
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Subject: Public Records Request:
Minutes of Closed Session School Board Meeting held at May
22, 2023 Special Called CCS School Board Meeting

At present and considering the widespread publicity regarding the vandalism at Burns High School on Thursday, May 18, 2023 it has become clear that:

- The May 22, 2023 Closed Session was called for improper purposes. The Closes Session was called per North Carolina General Statures 143-318(a)3 and 143-318(a)6, but the discussion was in regard to the vandalism at Burns High School and NOT a personnel item. Also, both of these General Statutes clearly state that such discussions were clearly prohibited.
- For whatever the real purpose of that May 22, 2022 Closed Session was called for, widespread news coverage of the vandalism at Burns High School had made that, illegal or not, Closed Session **moot** for all intents and purposes. Therefore, all records, including the Closed Session Minutes, records, notes, discussions and documents from that Closed Session are now PUBLIC RECORD and subject to be immediately obtained under the law to those that request them.

Therefore, Under the Freedom of Information Act as well as North Carolina Public Records laws the following is requested to be made available for inspection and perhaps copied or recorded after such inspection:

1. Minutes (Draft) and any and all audio and video recordings of the subject Closed Session,
2. Any and all pictures, text messages, emails and other materials regarding the vandalism at Burns High School that was introduced in that Closed Session meeting.
3. Any and all personal remarks, statements, or verbal communications of any sort from any participant and those present in that Closed Session Meeting.
4. Any and all other information of any sort spoken or communicated in any way in that Closed Session Meeting.
5. Interview statements from any and all School Board Members and other persons present in that Closed Session regarding anything of note per their own determination and observations or answers to interview questions.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this valid Public records Request.

Please email Robert A. Williams of potential schedules to review the information, records and materials requested. Or to set up a schedule to be interviewed.

Please contact me if there are any questions of any kind.

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Please Note that this Public Records Request meets all the requirements under North Carolina Law necessary to request public documents and public information from any North Carolina Agency and Board.