September 4, 2009

Ernestine Stover
Calumet Public Schools District 132
1440 W. Vermont Avenue
Calumet Park, Illinois 60827

Dear Ms. Stover:

This letter is response to your requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your requests were received 8/17/09.

You seek information pertaining to three individuals: State Supt. Chris Koch, Darren Reisberg and John Perkins.

Request 1 - “Sick Leave policy and payments made to date”

Response 1A (Koch & Reisberg) Dr. Koch and Mr. Reisberg are entitled to the same sick leave benefits as other employees. (See Attachment 1.) No sick leave payments have been made to date to Dr. Koch or Mr. Reisberg.

Response 1B (Perkins) As a contractor, Dr. Perkins has no sick leave benefits.

Request 2 - “Vacation leave policy and payments made to date”

Response 2A (Koch) Dr. Koch is entitled to thirty (30) vacation days per calendar year during the term of his Agreement, with 15 days accrued on each January 1 and 15 days accrued on each July 1. No payment has been made to date for vacation leave.

Response 2B (Reisberg) Mr. Reisberg is entitled to twenty-five (25) vacation days per calendar year. No payment has been made to date for vacation leave.

Response 2C (Perkins) As a contractor, Dr. Perkins has no vacation leave benefits.

Request 3 - “Disability Insurance policy if any”

Response 3A (Koch/Reisberg) Disability Insurance coverage is provided through the Teachers Retirement System.

Response 3B (Perkins) As a contractor, Dr. Perkins has no disability insurance benefits.
Request 4 – “Amount of accumulative sick leave you have earned to date”

Response 4A (Koch) 31.5 days

Response 4B (Reisberg) 57.5 days

Response 4C (Perkins) See Response 1B.

Request 5 – “Copies of the goals you have reached with your employer to date”

Response 5A (Koch) See Attachment 1.

Response 5B (Reisberg & Perkins) There are no documents responsive to this request.

Request 6 – “Travel reimbursement policy”

Response 6A (Koch) The Superintendent’s contract states the following:

The Board shall reimburse Dr. Koch for all reasonable expenses that Dr. Koch incurs in carrying out his official duties. Dr. Koch shall be reimbursed by the State Board a reasonable rate for lodging in Springfield or Chicago (not Bloomington) related to the execution of his duties and responsibilities. During his service as State Superintendent of Education, the Board shall provide Dr. Koch pursuant to appropriate and lawful arrangements an automobile for Dr. Koch’s use, and shall assume all costs of operation and maintenance of such vehicle as appropriate and lawful. Federal and State income taxes for personal use of the automobile shall be the responsibility of Dr. Koch.

Response 6B (Reisberg) See Attachment 2.

Response 6C (Perkins) The contractor shall upon ISBE’s receipt of timely IRS-acceptable itemized documentation be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses approved in advance by ISBE. Such expenses shall be reimbursed at the rates and for the purposes applicable to ISBE employees and shall not exceed $7,000 during FY09. Also, see Attachment 2.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648.

Sincerely,

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Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments