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To: jerry at the beach
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Subject: CORRECTION

Jerry/All,

A correction to my email below; the Finance Committee discussed an INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY audit yesterday, which does not included an administrative technology audit.

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Jerry/All,

Join us today at 5 pm at the Hilton Head Island Library for our Finance Committee meeting. And speaking of audits, you'll find an audit discussion of a different nature on today's FC agenda. The committee will be discussing an audit of the district's administrative and instructional technology plan(s).

Perhaps, the BCSD will see a variety of audits going forward (forensic pending outcome of FBI investigation and maybe our instructional programs).

Stay tuned. . . .

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What with a 'new board' seeking a 'new superintendent' replacing a superintendent under investigation by the FBI for questionable financial practices, it seems prudent to me a forensic audit is in order.

Future referendums rely solely on the trust of the electorate, and at this point the school district, and by extension the school board, does not have this trust.

Sad to say, the new board is looking like the old board without a scapegoat.

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On Thursday, April 11, 2019, 6:25:58 AM EDT, Dowling, John R
<John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us> > wrote:

For what it's worth: Every presentation that I've seen about internal controls seems to be weighted towards spotting fraud that has already happened, rather than preventing fraud from occurring.....and, especially in the case of one of our bookkeepers, that

doesn't always work out so well. I keep hearing, "we have a wonderful staff, and they work very hard". That's true on both counts, but I still believe that a centralized procurement (with an updated Procurement Code) would go a long way towards lessening the opportunity for fraud or misuse to occur.

The level that a Finance Committee has to reach into the Financial Operations to assume a comfort level really depends on the District. That evaluation should be made by someone who knows the District well, with all its ins and outs. Especially in this District, there's no book for that, it comes from having been here and having seen it all.

Just my two cents.....

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DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE
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On Apr 11, 2019, at 5:10 AM, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com
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JoAnn: thanks for your email. While I can understand the board finance committee not reviewing each P Charge transaction because of possibly getting into second guessing judgments of what has been charged, I don't think it's the school board committees personal responsibility to catch fraud - but to make sure there is tight internal oversight . to eliminate or catch fraud. Nor do I think it's the public's responsibility to catch fraud.

How many P Charge transactions occur each month and who validates their authenticity? What exactly is the internal check and balance process?

While making it easier for the public to question and attain financial P Charge spending information is a good thing, more transparent on-line postings would also be more helpful than the current somewhat generic statements that brings out the publics curiosity.

I can tell you that having 50 plus charge cards used by different school personnel and the past attention to their misuse (even the rebate illegal warehouse building) does not instill

public confidence in efficient P Charge spending and oversight. It still is a no confidence financial subject for the public, just ask anyone you know what their opinion is on this situation,

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So keep the cards and letters coming folks. All questions are welcomed.

Please bear in mind that these FC scope guidelines don't preclude Board members from raising specific Transparency Report transaction questions. However, the FC is not currently charged with review. My best guess (?) is that any/all Board inquiries will be presented to the full Board and/or Tonya Crosby directly.

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But, don't forget, the District did get a "beautiful" warehouse last year by using the rewards program of B of A and it only cost \$1,161,298. This was a total rip-off. The price was inflated and should be investigated since the Board was presented with a much lower cost before it was built.

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ent: Friday, April 12, 2019 10:37 AM
To: Mike Gleason
Cc: Geier, Richard P
Subject: Re: Finance Committee Scope (Transparency Reports)

Mike,

Take heart; the Board Officers don't set the Finance Committee agenda; the Finance Committee does. Dick's request has been placed on the FC's May agenda. That meeting will be on May 9 at 5 pm at the district office. The reality is that the extent of the Finance Committee's influence/power is providing recommendations to the full Board.

Fran Bisi wrote to me earlier and said:

"Bookkeepers are not doing their jobs and the system needs a huge overhaul."

If this is true, what recommendations would you present to the full Board out of the Finance Committee? (I posed the same question to Fran.)

I'd appreciate hearing your thoughts on this.

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Dick:

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Mike

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Mike,

At today's finance committee I will ask that P-card management, accessibility, controls and disposition of funds received from P-card rebates be on the agenda for an in-depth discussion be placed on the agenda at the next finance committee meeting.

Dick

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So keep the cards and letters coming folks. All questions are welcomed.

Please bear in mind that these FC scope guidelines don't preclude Board members from raising specific Transparency Report transaction questions. However, the FC is not currently charged with review. My best guess (?) is that any/all Board inquiries will be presented to the full Board and/or Tonya Crosby directly.

Regards,

JoAnn Orischak
Beaufort County Board of Education
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Sent from my iPad

On Apr 10, 2019, at 5:00 PM, jerry at the beach
<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

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experience do not exist today on the Board. As a physician and business owner with board experience, I am used to critically analyzing situations, solving problems and managing employees. I am willing to deal with difficult issues.

I look forward to the questionable and difficult issue of P-card usage coming under the scope of some critical analysis, problem solving and employee management.

~Jerry

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 4:10:16 PM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

Excuse my math error. This still needs some serious oversight especially since the school year is almost over

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2019, at 2:49 PM, jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

4500000+ for one month ???

Wow,...just wow!

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On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 1:30:56 PM EDT, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> > wrote:

You could also say that P-Card usage is out of control..the last transaction of public record to B of A was made as follows:

TXN00241073 02/25/2019 02/25/2019 (4,563,461.40) 0.00
0.00 PAYMENT THANK YOU

That's 4.5M+ for one month.

As a means of comparison, Beaufort County had charges of \$1,064,368 for the year of 2018.

But, don't forget, the District did get a "beautiful" warehouse last year by using the rewards program of B of A and it only cost \$1,161,298. This was a total rip-off. The price was inflated and should be investigated since the Board was presented with a much lower cost before it was built.

fran

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 12:43:34 PM EDT, jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

If memory serves, the P-card usage was the brain child of former superintendent Jeff Moss, and as such should be dismantled at once.

It would seem to me that a business as large as the BCSD would have established contracts with pre-selected vendors and pre approved price structures for just about any product or service.. A system insuring the lowest prices with minimal risk of employee misuse of funds. This P-card system must be an administrative nightmare.

All of this further supports the need for our board to continue the search for a seasoned candidate to replace Dr. Berg. This is no arena for a trainee.

~Jerry

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 11:45:40 AM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

Yes, I agree. While this is a huge amount of money being charged/spent - counting on Bank of America to catch account errors - seems to be a hap-hazard way of checks and balances.

It's amazing to me that a smart citizen can visually scan and discover financial mistakes- while in-house employees overlook them. What's wrong with this situation and how long has this been going on.

Board Member oversight needs to be overhauled on this. Old habits need correcting.

If it's easy to get away with money non scrutiny -someone will take advantage of this- that's for sure. This new school board has many oversight challenges to solve. Probably more than any of them realized.

Lyn

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2019, at 11:22 AM, fran bisi
<eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> > wrote:

Speaking of checks and balances, on March 29th, I sent the following message to Tonya Crosby:

Please explain the following charges listed under Maintenance February Billing Statement. These charges appear on the February Transparency Report as being charged to the District Office-General Fund.

GRRMX LLC

5533 TXN00241012 02/25/2019 02/24/2019 \$21.95 PAYPAL

BLACKGOLDIM

5533 TXN00241064 02/25/2019 02/24/2019 \$35.98 PAYPAL

KRANKYS NET

5533 TXN00240956 02/25/2019 02/24/2019 \$25.60 PAYPAL

SPEAKEASYMO

8999 TXN00240981 02/25/2019 02/24/2019 \$28.95 PAYPAL

LKQ ONLINE

5533 TXN00240313 02/15/2019 02/14/2019 \$109.24 PAYPAL

The explanations are vague, but I'm sure you will be able to clarify further.

thank you