

> On Sat, May 18, 2019 at 8:02 PM jerry at the beach

<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>

<mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>> wrote:

> Beaufort County school board lays groundwork for

November 2019

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> Beaufort County school board lays groundwork for

November 2019 referendum

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> The Beaufort County, South Carolina school board voted to allow interim superintendent Herb Berg to start planni...

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> Sorry Dr. Berg,

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> When you stated; the most common characteristic of a successful referendum is unanimous support from the board,... you missed the most important ingredient.

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> The most common characteristic of a successful referendum Dr. Berg, is unanimous support from the ELECTORATE. Until an in depth forensic audit of our school district has been completed, and proof that taxpayer dollars are being carefully spent with diligent board oversight...there will be no new money.

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> G.A. Smith

> Well represented in Dist. 11.

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> On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 1:58:45 PM EDT, fran bisi

<eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com>> wrote:

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> Until trust is regained by getting rid of Compass and the former McNair (who conveniently now has a new name), there will be no support for a referendum by any thoughtful voter.

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> BTW: how can the board vote on a budget when they have no information as to the efficacy of the myriad licensed programs on which the district currently spends million of dollars?

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> Or to put it another way, where is Bonnie Almond? She is MIA just when she's needed the most!!

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> fran bisi

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> On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 12:38:23 PM EDT, jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>> wrote:

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> Thank you for an excellent and thoughtful post Lyn,

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> I could not agree more on your compliments to Fran and Richard.

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> Regarding:

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> These new school board members may have to learn a tough lesson in school finances if a forensic audit is not done before they ask the voters to approve an enormous financial referendum. Community confidence needs to be restored and they cannot count on a new Supt. to do this in such a short time without some positive oversight action coming from the school board so that he can relate that to the citizens the corrections that are being made to bring financial accountability back into the school district.

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> May I request you send the above to all our school board members? I agree...they still don't get it. Our 'New Board' needs to understand; the victims of the boards lack of fiscal oversight and managerial responsibilities are and will continue to be...the students.

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> Jerry

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> On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 12:00:14 PM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com>:mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com>> wrote:

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> Fran: you and Richard are the best informed citizens when it comes to this school districts operation.

> Keep up the good work!!

> These new school board members

> May have to learn a tough lesson

> in school finances if a forensic audit is not done before they ask the voters to approve an enormous financial referendum.

> Community confidence needs to be restored and they cannot count on a

positive

> new Supt to do this in such a short time without some

> oversight action coming from the school board so that he can relate that to the citizens the corrections that are being made to bring financial accountability back into the school district,

> Regards,

> Lyn

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On May 18, 2019, at 10:48 AM, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com>> wrote:

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> How's this for a blast from the past. I wrote this to the whole board on Dec 9, 2017 at 1:29 PM:

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> "What I find extremely interesting and troubling is:

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> \* Firing auditing firm Greene, Finney & Horton, which had given the district a clean audit report in January, and Compass Municipal Advisors, the financial firm that has Thomas' brother-in-law as a partner.

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> The fact that Compass, a firm that Moss and Crosby put a lot of trust in has been fired, is just another reason for a complete independent audit. "

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> The board didn't listen then..will they now?

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> fran

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> On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10:10:42 AM EDT, Dowling, John  
R <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
<mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>> wrote:

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> Jerry,

> I don't think the idea of Oversight has really registered with  
some of the Board Members as of yet. If you listen to our public conversations, you will hear  
some of the newer members say things such as "We must Trust our Superintendent", or "They  
are the Professionals" or in the case of a 25 year veteran of the Board "Don't tie the  
Superintendent's hands". There's a big difference between an Advisory Council and a  
Governing Body.

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> I've heard this before, in the Moss era. I don't know, but I  
suspect, that you might have heard similar sentiments in Berkeley County.

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> Trust but verify. Challenge every assumption. Ask why?  
Questions are not accusations.

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> You are well represented.  
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> JOHN DOWLING  
> DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE  
> BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

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> Sent from my iPad

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> On May 18, 2019, at 9:27 AM, jerry at the beach  
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> Let's connect the dots. How much of this sounds familiar?

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> The Berkeley CFO was under FBI investigation, just as Moss was/is.

> Rebate checks,... P-Cards come to mind.

> Overpaid for some construction projects,... hence the current FBI investigation.

> Unnecessary and extravagant junkets,... in our case unidentified travel expenses on Transparency Reports.

> And what a coincidence; Our school district has relied heavily on Heizer and Nurick for years as our bond counsel and advisor,... just as Berkeley did.

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> But wait, there's more!

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> School district audit finds more P-Card problems - The Colletonian<[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fthecolletonian.com%2fschool-district-audit-finds-p-card-problems%2f%3ffbclid%3dlwAR21MyW5Plm8NM5HzeIMFWcSfeFzxXZNZIIV9yCXG\\_-9NbrfW9LBLC0uGlc&c=E,1,gdE9UQY643JGfTGB2gZiqUKCxuo1PDlkEtkKN7KaQG6hfIMSj9aa93UcslO5uG9\\_\\_fF3C6OxWn8\\_MWwLx1iu\\_TGLQ3cgV1eDculrjfnsPnq&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fthecolletonian.com%2fschool-district-audit-finds-p-card-problems%2f%3ffbclid%3dlwAR21MyW5Plm8NM5HzeIMFWcSfeFzxXZNZIIV9yCXG_-9NbrfW9LBLC0uGlc&c=E,1,gdE9UQY643JGfTGB2gZiqUKCxuo1PDlkEtkKN7KaQG6hfIMSj9aa93UcslO5uG9__fF3C6OxWn8_MWwLx1iu_TGLQ3cgV1eDculrjfnsPnq&typo=1)>

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> School district audit finds more P-Card problems - The Colletonian

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> School district audit finds more P-Card problems

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> Thank you JoAnn for bringing this important information to the surface. Where is our Firewall against fraud?

> When will our 'new board's' fiduciary duties kick in?

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> Before any more talk of another referendum, our board should be talking about an Audit.

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> Rest assured, the 'old electorate' will not grant the 'new board' any more money until completion of a procurement audit of the school district's funds, including a random audit of the district's P-Cards demonstrating current school dollars are being spent wisely, legally with complete transparency.

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> At the very least I agree with the Representative from Dist. 6 urging [reconsidering] doing business with Heizer and Nurick until there's a resolution to the allegations.

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> Once again I am proud to be able to sign off as,

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> G.A. Smith

> Well represented in Dist. 11.

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> ~Jerry

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> On Friday, May 17, 2019, 4:27:10 PM EDT, Rick Caporale <rpc1@hargray.com <mailto:rpc1@hargray.com> <mailto:rpc1@hargray.com>> wrote:

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> John:

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> You might want to consider keeping them at arm's length with regard to any potential referendum.

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> However, in fairness to everyone, I have to admit I have always had a great deal of faith and trust in Frannie Heizer,

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 > My only problem with that company is David Tigges. I  
 wouldn't do business with him personally on a bet.  
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 > Rick  
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 > From: Dowling, John R <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us  
 <mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us> <mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>>  
 > Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 2:55 PM  
 > To: Orischak, Josephine A  
 <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
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 > This is a serious cloud hanging over their heads. Should we  
 reconsider doing business with them until there's a resolution to the allegations?  
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 > JOHN DOWLING  
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 > DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE  
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 > BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE  
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> Sent from my iPad

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> On May 17, 2019, at 2:46 PM, Orischak, Josephine A  
<Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
<mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>> wrote:

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> All,  
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> I recently shared the below information with our Board. As  
you know, Berkeley County School District's CFO (Brantley Thomas) was recently imprisoned  
for embezzlement, fraud, etc. The Berkeley County School Board is suing a number of folks on  
the periphery, such as:

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> - Their auditing firm, Greene, Finney, & Horton LLP  
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> - Their bond counsel and advisor, Frannie Heizer and Brian

Nurick

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> I am attaching the complaint against Heizer, Nurick, and others for your review. Basically, the complaint asserts the imprisoned CFO could not have succeeded with such an intricate web of deception and fraud without the aiding and abetting of Heizer, Nurick and some others. The law firm representing the Berkeley County School Board is Smyth Whitley LLC. Lawyer, Joshua Whitley serves on the Berkeley County Council and is the Council's Finance Committee Chairman.

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> Feedback welcomed after you read the attached complaint.

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> JoAnn Orischak

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> Beaufort County Board of Education

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> District 11 (29928)

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> Hilton Head Island

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**From:** Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**ent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 8:52 PM  
**To:** Joan Deery  
**Cc:** Dowling, John R  
**Subject:** Re: Attachment

Thank you, Joan. All good advice. Often times, the board doesn't know what it doesn't know. That's a scary place to be presiding over the budget we do.

The audit committee is a great place to start.

Best,

JoAnn

Sent from my iPad

On May 22, 2019, at 8:42 PM, Joan Deery <jdpc@hargray.com <mailto:jdpc@hargray.com> > wrote:

John and JoAnn,

I would like to share my thoughts with you both based on my time on the school board. When I joined the school board, I had had zero financial experience. I believe the majority of our school board members have a similar lack of real financial experience. I also believe that the SCSBA New School Board orientation is not sufficient to bring our new school board members up to the skill level required to provide the financial oversight needed today.

Fortunately, I served while Jim Bequette was on the Board so I knew that our Finance department was well supervised by him. All Board members respected Jim's financial expertise.

What drove me crazy was Phyllis White's many presentations to my Board. (This is NOT a criticism of her personally; I liked and respected her.) What she did not do or perhaps could not do was to "teach" the Board members at the level of financial skills they possessed rather than at what she and the administration wished we had. This drove me crazy because I was on the Board of Education (and not County Council which is not an education body) where the school district Finance staff made no attempt at "differentiated instruction" to Board members. We were not taught so we could not learn. Responsible board oversight demands strong financial skills.

I am writing to you both to help you to be more aware of where the current Board members are. They need a lot of help so a strong Audit Committee is required. I truly hope that all Board members will put serious effort into learning more about Finance. Tonya Crosby can be a better 'teacher'. And serving as a Beaufort County Board of Education representative should be a true learning opportunity for each and every member!

Joan

From: Dowling, John R [mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us]

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:40 PM

To: Orischak, Josephine A

Cc: Orischak, Josephine A; gleasonmj@gmail.com <mailto:gleasonmj@gmail.com>; Robine, Cathy G; bisi@roadrunner.com <mailto:bisi@roadrunner.com>; Marilyn Bullard; Bennett, Terry G; Berg, Herbert M; Campbell, Earl; Smith, William C; Joan Deery; Fidrych, Patricia; Striebinger, David R; Gwozdz, Christina S; Murphy, Reggie D; Rick Caporale; Saunders, William H; Crosby, Tonya V; Geier, Richard P; Liz Farrell; David Lauderdale; jerry at the beach; Wisniewski, Rachel K; Mock, Lori N; Thenerve. org Rick; eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Attachment

Any support you need from a Policy perspective, just ask.



JOHN DOWLING

DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

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On May 21, 2019, at 1:04 PM, Campbell, Melvin P  
<Melvin.Campbell@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Melvin.Campbell@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >  
wrote:

Jo Ann,

Your point is well intended and you can count me in as a supporter of this much  
needed initiative.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 21, 2019, at 9:02 AM, Orischak, Josephine A  
<Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >  
wrote:

Mike,

The late (and great), Jim Bequette, spoke to the Board about forming an  
audit committee. The committee would help choose the BCSD's auditing firm among other  
related tasks. The composition would be, well, folks like you with 30 odd years of banking  
management. Stay tuned. Perhaps the Finance Committee might see its way to  
recommending the creation of such a committee to the full Board.

Take heart, Mike; no invitation is meaningless. We all sit up a little straighter when you're in attendance.

JoAnn Orischak

Beaufort County Board of Education

Finance Committee Chair

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On May 21, 2019, at 8:42 AM, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com  
<mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> > wrote:

It is very frustrating when questions go unanswered.

For example, I have asked why there isn't a Policies and Procedures document for the Bank of America card showing the monthly limit for each. I have received no answer. I believe in the past the website showed a monthly limit of \$25,000 each. This policy must have been eliminated since here are the card totals for March that exceed that dollar amount along with the number of transactions. Totals over \$25,000 occur routinely every month.

March 2019

BEAUFORT HIGH SCHOOL	count: 142	\$50,600.64
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BLUFFTON HIGH SCHOOL	count: 97	\$36,409.50
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT	count: 102	\$372,260.33
HILTON HEAD HIGH SCHOOL	count: 101	\$39,859.14
HUMAN RESOURCES	count: 56	\$30,810.34
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE	count: 170	\$298,175.42
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT	count: 225	\$175,010.50
MAY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL	count: 122	\$50,309.88
MC RILEY ELEM SCHOOL	count: 107	\$39,012.73
OPERATIONS	count: 19	\$55,490.02*

\*03/14/2019 \$38,662.00 PALMETTO CHEVROLET CO INC – Fleet  
Vehicle CHEVY EXPRESS SERVICE UTILITY VAN

OPERATIONS 2	count: 11	\$141,835.93
RED CEDAR ELEMENTARY	count: 49	\$30,178.06
RIVER RIDGE ACADEMY	count: 87	\$34,287.43

\*why is a vehicle being paid for with a credit card?

fran bisi

On Monday, May 20, 2019, 9:02:15 PM EDT, Mike Gleason  
gleasonmj@gmail.com <mailto:gleasonmj@gmail.com> > wrote:



Thank you for your response Mrs. Orischak. The fact that the Board is on the verge of passing an historic tax increase is undisputed. Of course one more 8% tax levy is on the agenda as well. We don't actually vet Bond Counsel, nor has SCAGO ever been vetted by this Board. But it will continue as if nobody noticed.

Respectfully, the last time I attended your Finance Committee meeting my input was limited to the standard 3 minutes Board Policy. I'd love to help put over 30 years of Banking management to work to create a road map on how to examine a quarter billion dollar budget but that's impossible in 15 minutes. Maybe you can get a special Papal dispensation from the Chairperson on this. I doubt that will happen as she needs to look out for the needs of her Bluffton district first and keep the unclean and unwashed in the cheap seats.

Thanks for the meaningless invitation to sit mute at meetings. Your heart was in the right place,

Mike Gleason

On Mon, May 20, 2019 at 5:16 PM Orischak, Josephine A  
<Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >  
wrote:

Mike,

Sorry, all I heard was "historic tax increase" and couldn't get beyond that.

Please know your suggestions are well-received on how the Board might better manage budget discussions in the future.

The Finance Committee will be discussing a revised budget timeline at our June meeting.

I sure hope you'll join us.

JoAnn Orischak  
Beaufort County Board of Education  
Finance Committee Chair  
District 11 (29928)  
Hilton Head Island  
C. (843) 338-1737

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From: Mike Gleason <gleasonmj@gmail.com>  
<mailto:gleasonmj@gmail.com> >

Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 5:00:38 PM

To: Campbell, Melvin P

Cc: Robine, Cathy G; bisi@roadrunner.com

<mailto:bisi@roadrunner.com> ; Orischak, Josephine A; Marilyn Bullard; Bennett, Terry G; Berg, Herbert M; Campbell, Earl; Smith, William C; Joan Deery; Dowling, John R; fran bisi; Fidrych, Patricia; Striebinger, David R; Gwozdz, Christina S; Murphy, Reggie D; Rick Caporale; Saunders, William H; Crosby, Tonya V; Geier, Richard P; Liz Farrell; David Lauderdale; jerry at the beach; Wisnefski, Rachel K; Mock, Lori N; Thenerve. org Rick

Subject: Re: Attachment

Mr. Mel Campbell:

Thank you for your questions to John. I can't speak for John, but I respectfully have a question for you. Wouldn't best practices for vetting a 1/4 Billion Dollar budget start with assigning a line by line review of current spending by the Finance Committee months before a new Budget is considered? As it stands, little of this was assigned to the Finance Committee. Playing Q & A with 11 members in a few meetings doesn't seem

very comprehensive particularly in view of a historic tax increase. We can't assume a previous Board conducted any diligence before the current budget was approved.

Thank you for considering this. Any Board member is also welcomed to comment.

Mike Gleason

On Mon, May 20, 2019 at 12:50 PM Campbell, Melvin P  
<Melvin.Campbell@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Melvin.Campbell@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >  
wrote:

John

Does discussion comes before vetting,is the act of vetting,or  
does not belong in the process at all...just curious?

Mel ...for board openly discussing...

Sorry,...district 10

Sent from my iPhone

On May 20, 2019, at 11:04 AM, Robine, Cathy G  
<Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us> > wrote:



Channel on Friday.

The video is now posted. Molly delivered it to the County

Best Regards,

Cathy

Cathy G. Robine

Beaufort County Board of Education

District 8

610-888-5296

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From: bisi@roadrunner.com <mailto:bisi@roadrunner.com>  
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 8:48 AM  
To: Orischak, Josephine A; Marilyn Bullard  
Cc: Bennett, Terry G; Berg, Herbert M; Campbell, Earl; Smith, William C; Joan Deery; Dowling, John R; fran bisi; Fidrych, Patricia; Striebinger, David R; Campbell, Melvin P; Gwozdz, Christina S; Murphy, Reggie D; Rick Caporale; Saunders, William H; Crosby, Tonya V; Geier, Richard P; Liz Farrell; David Lauderdale; Mike Gleason; Robine, Cathy G; jerry at the beach; Wisniewski, Rachel K; Mock, Lori N; Thenerve. org Rick  
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Spoke with the County Channel this morning. They will post the video as soon as the school district sends it. Left a voicemail message for Molly who is responsible for sending the video. Stay tuned....

----- "Orischak wrote:  
> All,  
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> I realize that some of you were unable to attend our last board budget meeting on May 16 to see first hand what was and was not said.  
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> I looked on the County Channel website, but the 5/16 video has not been uploaded yet. Perhaps a request directly to Jim Foster (or board officers) for the video would help you understand the specifics. The budget discussion begins about one hour into the meeting.  
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> JoAnn Orischak  
> Beaufort County Board of Education  
> District 11  
> Hilton Head Island  
> C. (843) 338-1737  
>  
> Sent from my iPad  
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> On May 19, 2019, at 8:07 PM, Marilyn Bullard

<bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com>>  
wrote:

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> I have now been told it's not the school districts fault for the  
deficit, but the County- and they will be issuing a report on this soon.

> Lyn

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On May 19, 2019, at 3:20 PM, fran bisi

<eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com>>  
wrote:

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> The new superintendent needs to clean house and replace  
slackers, incompetents and ethically challenged individuals...we all know you're out there  
because everyone is watching.

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> fran

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> On Sunday, May 19, 2019, 2:40:26 PM EDT, Marilyn Bullard

<bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com>>  
wrote:

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> Unfortunately these so-called professionals who handle  
construction/major repairs or "company finances" or charge charge spending are so lax that  
they border on incompetency in their responsibilities.

> This is not the way a school district should operate.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On May 19, 2019, at 2:27 PM, jerry at the beach

<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>

<mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>> wrote:

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> I wish to go on record as requesting not only my elected Beaufort County School Board Representative,  
> but all school board members abstain from or vote against a budget they are unable to see in it's entirety.

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> Moss is gone and so is his majority. If as board members you want to move the district forward, this would be a good place to begin.

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> G.A. Smith  
> Feeling disenfranchised in Dist. 11.

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> On Sunday, May 19, 2019, 1:06:00 PM EDT, fran bisi  
<eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com>>  
wrote:

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> If they ("the professionals") consider the board to be only an advisory body, why perpetrate the sham of having you vote at all..what's the point if only to present the illusion of "transparency"? The fact that you have only superficial knowledge of the budget should be exposed publicly at the meeting when you are called on to vote.

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> fran  
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> On Sunday, May 19, 2019, 12:11:54 PM EDT, Dowling, John R  
<John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
<mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>> wrote:

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> For the past ten years or so, the prevailing wisdom has been that the Board does not "micromanage" by getting into the detail of the Administration's Operation (Budget, Personnel, etc). This is called Strategic Governance. It can work, but only with rigorous Oversight. The previous Administration and Board "discouraged" real oversight, with the Administration stage managing any attempts at it by those who were working for reform.

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> The result is that the Board has developed an attitude and belief that it is more of an advisory function, that we have to "trust the professionals" and accept the Superintendent as the "12th Member of the Board". The concept of a Governing Body has been watered down to an extreme. We discussed the budget for nearly two hours Thursday before it dawned on some that we should make Motions and not just state opinions.

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> The Finance Committee of the Board is zeroing in on some very important areas and is to be encouraged in that focus. For now, at the Board level, it is still considered "the administration's budget" and not the Board's. That's just my opinion, but it's not the first time I've encountered the symptoms. Not my first rodeo.

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> JOHN DOWLING, AD

> DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE

> BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

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> Sent from my iPad

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> On May 19, 2019, at 11:56 AM, jerry at the beach

<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>

<mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>> wrote:

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> Hi John,

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> I don't understand why the board is being shown a very 'superficial level' budget? Can you explain WHY our elected representatives are being kept in the dark, and more importantly by whom?

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> Moss has been gone for 9 months, and we have a 'new board'. The school district and board cant keep blaming Moss and the old board.

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> At what point does our 'new board' accept responsibility?

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> ~Jerry

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> On Sunday, May 19, 2019, 11:48:53 AM EDT, Dowling, John R  
<John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
<mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>> wrote:

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> If you watch the video of Thursday night's meeting, you'll hear and see some members state that the budget IS already an austerity budget. I can't agree or disagree, because I've only been shown the budget at a very superficial level. The analogy is "from 50,000 feet".

> The cuts that were proposed were the easy ones that required no work. They affected Direct Labor and did not even attempt to surgically remove embedded fat and institutional waste. And yet, the Board is being pressured to certify on the 21st, when the drop dead date to the Council is the 28, according to the Council's liaison to us.

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> We then lose a week of potential further vetting, if there is will to vet at all.

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> JOHN DOWLING, AD  
> DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE  
> BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

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> Sent from my iPad  
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> On May 19, 2019, at 10:30 AM, Marilyn Bullard  
<bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com>>  
wrote:

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> Time for an austerity belt tightening  
> budget until finances get back on tract. Oh no- how do we do that!

> Finance Dept gives the impression  
> of bill paying without oversight.  
> Generally finance makes sure the flow of payments are on track with

> school budget.  
> The more you know about these operations the more you become disillusioned about the ineptness of the employees.

> Lyn  
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> Sent from my iPhone  
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> On May 19, 2019, at 10:19 AM, fran bisi  
<eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com>>  
wrote:

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