

· The 2019-29 Operational Budget recently demonstrated that by simply applying a few hours of vetting by those responsible for fiscal accountability numerous questionable appropriations and funding allocations were discovered. It's a start, its one brick.

* (There are numerous recorded and verifiable examples that validate the previous statements) [FYI: dates/video-minutes/media articles/board & district documents are available upon request]

Although some of you were not board members, your knowledge and understanding of organizational history during this period [2014-2019] is critical. Some of you were members during this time period, and at times did reject the toxic principles of leadership and governance that infested BCSD during this time. Unfortunately, some of you did support style of autocratic, bullying, intimidating and ramrod-ding governance while providing unquestionable loyalty to it and perhaps still do. Although it has been frequently expressed by some, that "we must move on and should not look back, that doing so serves no purpose, that are many who believe that important questions remain, such as: Why is it not feasible for the 72% knowledgeable and reasonable people to fear that lessons have not been learned and that history may again repeat itself? What significant actions/votes have occurred to dilute the bitter taste of the past five years? There's been no public declaration or acknowledgement that the old style of governance will be discarded. There's been no public acknowledgement and assurances given or any significant actions taken to dispel the fear of history not repeating itself. And let's not forget the FBI subpoenas (4) that some board wanted to hide from the community.

Let me remind you that prior to 2016, Beaufort county residents had NOT rejected a school bond referendum for more than 20 years. As recently as the 2008, voters approved a Referendum of approximately \$163M for new schools and facilities upgrades. Given the history of community support for funding new schools and supporting facilities upgrades for existing schools... one must wonder what occurred between 2008 and 2016. Did any of the above actions/votes/governance practices have any effect on the 72% knowledgeable and reasonable people to deliver a resounding rejection message to school district governance and leadership?

These are but a few significant factors that underscore the justification why a new style of governance must emerge, a style and model that is formulated and supported by research, data, best practices, analysis, while maintaining fiscal accountability, oversight and justification. A new brand of Board of Education governance and management, a new brand of Board Education oversight that embraces and is driven by non-negotiable principles of ethical standards, leadership to insure equitable educational opportunities and accountability for all stakeholders.

Let's agree: that

- More than 70% of people believe in public education.
- All children are entitled to an education that empowers them with the skills and knowledge required for local, state, national, and global engagement.
- Schools must be socially, emotionally and physically safe and free from health hazards
- Every classroom is equipped with staff members demonstrating the capacity to care, support, nurture and possess teaching competency
- Every educator believes that teaching every child is their core responsibility
- Accountability begins with the Board and is mandated from every stakeholder.....!

What might possibly vaporize the 72% rejection? Perhaps, evidenced based actions from the board and the new superintendent, exhibiting a new brand of governance and leadership that will:

- mandate accountability and not repeat mistakes
- accept responsibility for any missteps while humbly celebrating successes
- maximize transparency and minimize executive sessions
- utilize data based governance and employ research-based programs
- adhere to ethics laws and board policies
- respect process while aspiring to create unanimity, and cease governing by simply accepting majority rule

Why not consider starting with good policy-development processes? Reasonable people will differ on what constitutes good policy, but the electorate knows it when they see it. Again, bringing transparency to policy development and possibly consider including the public in developing policies, doing so might lead to greater trust, maybe sooner than later.

By adopting and implementing such principles and establishing such policies the board and Dr. Rodriguez will demonstrate a new brand of leadership that may re-build trust, re-establish confidence and perhaps re-engage more than 72% of knowledgeable and reasonable people to “buy-in” and support a referendum while returning to the brand of community support that once existed. It will require extraordinary commitment, herculean efforts and unprecedented transparency to re-engage the 72%. All of you, as elected members made pledges and took oaths that this board will be different if you were elected. Your challenge is to convince the 72% to believe and trust you individually and collectively.

Thank you for your service to our community, our district, and our students.

All feedback is welcomed.

Sincerely,

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The only know contract during this year to my knowledge is the Amsler contact. H

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To: Berg, Herbert M
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Subject: Re: FBI inquiry

Thanks, Herb. Sandy Amsler was our previous head of Procurement. It is my understanding that Sandy was replaced by Kaylee Yinger, who was already in our Procurement Dept.

I'll look forward to hearing an update from John Simmons. If any more visits/interviews took place by the FBI, our board, Finance Committee, and Operations Committee should be apprised. The Finance Committee will be reviewing aspects of Procurement today at our

meeting. If the FBI continues its probe into BCSD affairs a half year (or more) after Dr. Moss left, then there may be other individuals and/or areas of interest. (?)

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On Jun 18, 2019, at 2:56 PM, Berg, Herbert M <Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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Friends: Responding to the FBI question over the weekend; I've talked with John Simmons, the attorney, the Board met with on Aug 3 (which was my 3rd day). He is a former Federal Prosecutor. I have asked him to approach the Assistant US attorney (Rhett Dehart) and inquire as to the status of their investigation, he assured me he would. When he responds, I will get back with you. We, the District responded with subpoenaed documents on Sept 11, 2018 You have that subpoena. That was our last FBI contact. A retired employee (Ms. Amsler) did meet them in Jan or February....we have no information on that meeting. The US attorney works on their own calendar in a very methodical and thorough manner. I will let you know more when I know. Herb

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Subject: Hilton Head Atax Committee Chairman Brad Marra Corruption —Brad is a Palmetto Dunes employee tied to Bill Miles tax theft misuse and laundering

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Brad I expect you, Steve Riley and this council to respect my and others public comment tomorrow morning at 9am at Town Hall. This public comment 3 mins section was removed to silence the free speech of citizens and must be added back. This disrespect can not be allowed. I am asking Sheriff Tanner to be there tomorrow morning with his deputies. I expect to be recognized to speak as part of the agenda as well as any other tax payer you serve. Opposing views can not be silenced, this is not how it's supposed to work. If I and others are not respected and called on, we will just need to stand up, speak and see how this goes. I fully intend to keep standing up for tax payers rights and stop as much local corruption as I can. If I

don't, it will only get much worse for future generations. You and others are civil servants and work for tax payers and there must be the rights for every citizen to speak at every public meeting regardless of what that meeting is about. You work for the tax payers, they do not work for you! Understand?

Brad, you continue recommending millions in ATAX monies to Bill Miles and the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce, even though they don't provide invoices or receipts. Why? Is not continuing to fund an organization that does not comply with the law make you complicit?

Also, you are a partner with Bill Miles in the non-profit Lowcountry Golf Owners Association (LCGOA), as well as sit on a Chamber committee; is this not a major conflict with your ATAX role? Don't you make ATAX recommendations to LCGOA, which provides \$50,000 in funding to your other associate, Cary Corbit, without any transparency as to where this money went?

The entire ATAX Committee is appointed by Steve Riley to make sure the "right" ATAX members are seated to do as they are told. Aren't lawyer David Tigges and Paula Bethea, the real Chamber owners, actually pulling the strings? And aren't Riley and Tigges all part of the secret Greater Island Council? Both Riley and Tigges also drafted the corrupted DMO Chamber contract, to insure there would be no audit provision and no procurement.

I repeat we need the FBI, SLED and IRS to help clean up this corruption, theft and misuse of millions of tax funds and violations to IRS Ubit tax laws.

Brad, one other thing: why are you listed on IRS form 990 as the Principal of the Lowcountry Golf Owners Association?

Are you and Bill selling advertising and pocketing the (untaxed) profits?

Does Palmetto Dunes who you work for, and do they know about this corruption?

Same millions of Atax corruption is happening in Myrtlebeach, Charleston, Beaufort and many cities in SC. Even state agency SC Prt head Duane Parrish and state representatives tied to the theft of tens of millions. We again need a Fbi, Irs, Sled and Ag involved.

SC is not a swamp, it's an Incestuos Cesspool of Corruption with hundreds of millions disappearing with zero transparency and no independent financial audits. Thanks

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Dr. Rodriguez,

On behalf of CARE (Citizens Advocating Responsible Education) welcome to the Beaufort County School District.

One of the main focal points of CARE for more than two years has been the achievement gap. I am attaching comments made at a school board meeting in January, 2017 on that topic. Also attached are the 2018 South Carolina Ready Scores.

Dr. Berg was the first Superintendent in the district to publicly acknowledge its existence.

In part, here's what he said late last year, as quoted in the Island Packet;

"There is an achievement gap problem, and the educators in this system know it," said interim superintendent Herb Berg, who took over for Jeff Moss last July. "And I expect our chief instructional officer and the principals and educational leaders to analyze the problem and figure out a solution that will help and start moving toward addressing the problem." Berg stated that the achievement gap is "huge and we need to figure out how we're going to close it."

Dr. Berg did not have the time to address the issue in a comprehensive way. The CIO he inherited is no longer employed by the district for obvious reasons. The appointment of a new chief instructional officer is a critical component of your administration.

We hope that you will acknowledge the problem publicly and then produce a plan to address the issue.

We wish you well and look forward to a meaningful relationship.

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Brad, you keep recommending millions of ATAX money to Bill Miles and the highly crooked thieves of public funds, the owners of the Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber, David Tigges and Paula Bethea without accounting, invoices or receipts. Why? Also, you along with others, are part of the scheme, eliminating any procurement for local media and ad agencies to bid for the Town's DMO contract.

In fact, didn't you participate in the drafting of this corrupted DMO contract, which eliminated any audit provision spelling out the proper usage of millions of ATAX funds.

What you, David Tigges, Steve Riley, Paula Bethea and Miles schemed is how to commingle and launder millions of dollars in profits from advertising sales from this ATAX funded DMO.

This plot operated under both the Town and the IRS's radar until recently. I understand you even schemed other business dealings with Miles and associates to launder more money with tother non-profits, including the Lowcountry golf owners association.

You are recommending the illegal use of ATAX funds to this non-profit chamber as well as other non- profits illegally under SC law, and worse, keep recommending millions more in funding with zero accounting or oversight, why?

You even allowed 50k to Cary Corbit, with whom you're in business, to privately profit, violate IRS taxes, harm local media and more.

You are a partner of Bill Miles and sit on a chamber committee, a huge conflict. You and Miles operate a non-profit that you authorize funding to, with Sea Pines Cary Corbit, and illegally profit.

The entire ATAX Committee is appointed by Steve Riley to make sure the "right" ATAX members are seated and do as they are told. Both Tigges and Bethea as Chamber owners pulling all the strings.

I repeat we need the FBI, IRS and SLED to help with this corruption, theft, misuse of millions of tax funds and violations to IRS UBIT tax laws.

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Cc: JoAnn Orischak; Rachel Jones; Tricia Fidrych; David Strebinger; Earl Campbell; Richard Geier; Melvin Campbell; Rachel Wisnefski; John Dowling; Fran Bisi; Richard Bisi; Joan Deery; Mike Gleason; Rick Caporale; Windrunnerstables Info; francisco.rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us; Liz Farrell
Subject: We don't know what we don't know

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Ms. Gwozdz, Ms. Robine, Mr. Smith, and members of the board,

In another thread Fran Bisi asked the following questions of board leadership:

Did the board ever authorize the Lowe's credit card? Who has possession of it?

Why aren't there monthly credit limits for each of the 44 B of A cards?

Fran went on to say and I agree, having no monthly limits for each of the 44 B of A credit cards is not a sound financial procedure, especially when it results in Amazon purchases of over \$70,000.00 each month.

Ms. Bisi asked a couple of very reasonable and pertinent questions regarding how taxpayer dollars are being spent, overseen and by whom. i.e. integrity and transparency. Requesting transparency and reporting of how public funds are being spent is in no way micro-managing. Isn't the FBI still in town?

Here we are two days later, and board leadership STILL has not responded. Is this information posted on a web site Ms. Bisi and I am unaware of? Why is the public's business not being made public? Is our "new board leadership" following in the footsteps of the unsatisfactory representatives they replaced, keeping rank and file elected representatives out of the loop? If so, by extension, they are keeping the electorate also out of the loop. We don't know, what we don't know.

G.A. Smith

Feeling disenfranchised by board leadership.

From: Fidrych, Patricia <Patricia.Fidrych@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 4:25 PM
To: Orischak, Josephine A
Subject: Re: BCSD Tech Plan 2016-2019.pdf

I am so hoping for that!!!

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Thanks, Tricia. I sure hope we get a strong CISO, and I know you do as well.....

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Subject: RE: BCSD Tech Plan 2016-2019.pdf

Dear JoAnn,

Thank you for your follow-up questions. The AC's agendas and meeting schedule have been greatly influenced by several factors:

1. Vacancy for Chief Instructional Services Officer whose vision and expertise are critical
2. District and school-based staff vacations and conference schedules
3. Time critical items

1. "at which meeting can the AC and/or board expect to see the OUTCOMES columns of the BCSD 2016-2019 Technology Plan completed? "

Again, I will defer to Dr. Rodriguez and Ms. Crosby for their input. The decision to not have an external audit performed was made by the Board on June 19th.

2. "Will the AC analyze program cost with program efficacy with the end goal of bring recommendation(s) to the full board?"

Yes, the AC will analyze program efficacy. However, determining the metrics to be used to determine the efficacy of a particular program is the first step. I would prefer to wait for the new CISO to provide insight and input on this.

Sincerely,

Tricia

From: Orischak, Josephine A

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 2:49 PM

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Subject: Re: BCSD Tech Plan 2016-2019.pdf

Hi Tricia and members of AC,

As you know, the AC covers academic technology, while the FC covers administrative technology. At some point, the FC will take a look at our side of technology. I know Dick has raised a few questions about our administrative technology and its compatibility with a school system, and I certainly have questions about the search technology we use to respond to FOIA requests.

Question 1:

Just following up on the below exchanges. In lieu of the McRel audit, at which meeting can the AC and/or board expect to see the OUTCOMES columns of the BCSD 2016-2019 Technology Plan completed? I respect and agree with your statement below; "when a department develops a plan, that requires an annual assessment of its stated goals and objectives."

Question 2:

As I shared with you recently, Rachel (Wisnefski) suggested the FC take a look at the various costs associated with academic programs across the district. So far, we've reviewed The Leader in Me and the IB Programmes continuum. I shared that cost information with you which Tonya presented to the FC. Will the AC analyze program cost with program efficacy