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ent: Monday, August 5, 2019 4:41 PM
To: BOEOnly
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
Attachments: Responsive e-mails.pdf

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Regards,

Frank

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

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Rick

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All,

As soon as Transparency Report appears on a board meeting agenda, I will raise all P-Card questions submitted. Sorry for the delay folks, but Transparency Report has not been placed on recent agendas.

There is value in raising these questions at a Board meeting, so the rest of the public may hear responses. Thank you, Fran, for copying district staff on these questions, so there won't be any surprises when these same questions arise at a meeting.

JoAnn Orischak
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The recent change to the chart now shows that the Board of Trustees/Robin Cushingberry are now at the top. FYI:Herb Berg and Bonnie Almond are still on the chart so it needs to be updated again. The new chart can be found on the district website under "About Us".

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Hi JoAnn,

Your response begs the question; why haven't Transparency Reports appeared on board meeting agendas, and who establishes those agendas?

~Jerry

On Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 9:49:52 AM EDT, Orischak, Josephine A
<Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

All,

As soon as Transparency Report appears on a board meeting agenda, I will raise all P-Card questions submitted. Sorry for the delay folks, but Transparency Report has not been placed on recent agendas.

There is value in raising these questions at a Board meeting, so the rest of the public may hear responses. Thank you, Fran, for copying district staff on these questions, so there won't be any surprises when these same questions arise at a meeting.

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Hi Fran,

Unless Dr. Rodriguez or his representative responded to your questions privately, it would appear you have been placed on ignore. Here is what I do when seeking information regarding our school district or board. I contact my representative JoAnn Orischak, who always responds. Why not contact your elected representative? By the way, just so I know, who is your elected representative?

~Jerry

On Monday, August 12, 2019, 2:03:27 PM EDT, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com> wrote:

At least we know where the public stands in regard to the school district..nowhere. Someone changed the organizational in a disrespectful way. If the superintendent is aware of this, you

have to wonder if he agrees. His former district's chart puts the public at the top in the same manner that BCSD was until very recently.

https://www.palmbeachschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_270532/File/School%20Board/F'19-Org-Final.pdf

Given the fact that the district has a \$14M shortfall and desperately needs this \$350M by the fall you need to wonder why this change was made.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being wasted monthly on frivolous Amazon purchases, maintenance materials and supplies that GCA should be paying for and travel to conferences that show little value. Yet, the chair does nothing to stem the flow of dollars and keep the public informed; in fact, she and her co-chair do the opposite. They withhold public information under the guise of attorney/client privilege and blindly accept any information given to them by the CFO.

fran bisi

On Monday, August 12, 2019, 12:56:50 PM EDT, jerry at the beach
<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Fran,

The policy of ignoring the public's inquiries is not a new policy. It is a carryover from the previous board, the majority of which were fired by the electorate last November. Apparently the message from the public is still not getting thru to our newly elected board leadership of two. I guess another failed referendum may get their attention,...but I doubt it.

Meanwhile dollars keep flowing out of the public coffers with little or no over-site, and the ongoing lack of transparency is another carryover from the previous board. I am beginning to miss Jeff Moss.

~Jerry

On Monday, August 12, 2019, 9:55:31 AM EDT, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com> wrote:

I made an inquiry on July 15 to the finance department about the district's use of a Lowes credit card. I gave examples of how the charges appear on the monthly transparency report. That is to say, there is no transparency. The CFO provided information only to the board by citing the oversight provided by various employees. She neglected to address the fact that none of these entries show what was purchased. All of the money used to pay Lowes comes from the General Fund. Did the board ever authorize the district to have this card on file with Lowes? No physical card is needed. A maintenance employee only needs to walk in with a purchase order. There is no monthly credit limit as far as I know.

I have an additional question. Why is the district paying for these and many other maintenance supplies when the contract with GCA/ABM reads:

This contract is made on the 1st day of July 2014, by and between Beaufort County School District (BCSD) and GCA Education Services Inc. (Contractor).

The Project is to acquire all personnel, services, materials, and equipment necessary to provide facility maintenance management services for BCSD.

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