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G.A. Smith

Well represented in Dist. 11.

From: Mike Gleason <gleasonmj@gmail.com>
ent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 10:22 AM
To: Dowling, John R
Cc: Joan Deery; jerry at the beach; Orischak, Josephine A; Fidrych, Patricia; Campbell, Earl; Gwozdz, Christina S; Wisnefski, Rachel K; Campbell, Melvin P; Smith, William C; Mike Gleason; Striebinger, David R; Robine, Cathy G; Geier, Richard P; Richard Bisi; Fran Bisi; Windrunnerstables Info; Rick Caporale; Berg, Herbert M; Liz Farrell
Subject: Re: No more golden parachutes

I take Ms. Derry and Mr. Dowling at their words, both have demonstrated courage toward better governance. There has obviously been drift in Strategic Policy Governance in the wrong direction and we know the disastrous outcomes. Today those policies are still in effect as we enter into negotiations with a potential new Superintendent. If I were he I'd want to know the limits of authority and where it vests. That's a fair expectation and he needs to know this before he accepts the position. This is no time to vacillate and wait to hear what he demands. That's a formula for failure and bad faith on our part.

It's time to put the cart behind the horse and determine exactly what the governance model should be right now before we enter into a possible contractual arrangement. Such contract needs to specify it and the Board's unilateral authority to change it. Putting time limitations on when such policies should change displays distrust of proper process to maintain and change what should be a living breathing document. Am I to understand that the representative of one voting district can supersede all other districts' representation by Fiat? Or that an unelected lawyer can dominate these representatives? We've seen that horrible movie before. Policy determination must remain in full Board control and, IMHO, every representatives' voice and vote should always be heard. A Policy Committee should always be maintained to foster that.

Thank you for listening and thank you again to every single Board Member for your service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Gleason

On Thu, May 2, 2019 at 9:37 AM Dowling, John R <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us
<mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us> > wrote:

ALL: As Chairman of the Ad Hoc Policy Committee I can assure you that the Policies in question will be thoroughly examined, vetted and presented to the Board for reaffirmation, if warranted.

The foundation for Strategic Governance is as much a concept as it is the policies that codify it, and the Board will need to have discussions as to what kind of approach we use to provide Oversight and Governance. We are not chained to Strategic Governance by Statute, it is by the will of the Board.

This is a conversation that I hope will take place prior to the new Superintendent assuming his position.

Regards,

JOHN DOWLING
DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE
BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

Sent from my iPad

On May 2, 2019, at 8:29 AM, Joan Deery <jdpc@hargray.com
<mailto:jdpc@hargray.com> > wrote:

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Mike,

The Strategic Governance Policies that are in place today are substantially different from those my Board approved in 2007. We must not "throw the baby out with the bath water".

Joan

From: Mike Gleason [mailto:gleasonmj@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2019 11:09 PM

To: jerry at the beach

Cc: JoAnn Orischak; Joan Deery; Tricia Fidrych; Earl Campbell; Christina Gwozd; Rachel Wisnefski; Melvin Campbell; William Smith; Mike Gleason; David Strebinger; Cathy Robine; John Dowling; Richard Geier; Richard Bisi; Fran Bisi; Windrunnerstables Info; Rick Caporale; Herbert M. Berg; Liz Farrell

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Ms, Derry: First, I thank you very much for your service as my representative. I thought I was finished with this thread until the term "Strategic Governance Policies" popped up. That was the biggest mistake ever and a ton of damages has resulted from that disgrace.

For those that aren't familiar with that term here is the result of a policy that creates a lazy submissive Board that probes nothing that is served from our wonderful well paid "servants" in the Mink Point Blvd Headquarters Puzzle Palace, Here are the results of that policy:

1. Two words: Jeff Moss. He had the free range ability to hire his wife @ \$90K per year. If the media didn't detect it few would have known it. That's when the public fire started.

2. FBI subpoenas investigating Moss and the District staff. That was followed by an Board Officer cover up that was exposed by the media and the growth of social media, some of it responsible and some of it creating division.

3. An insolvent District borrowing money to meet payroll and clean schools. That's our current path. God forbid we have a major disaster or an active shooter as unprepared as we are.

It's a fact "Strategic Governance Policy" is still in effect as we hire yet another Superintendent. It's possible we can make all the same lack of oversight mistakes again. We

can't afford that now nor can the children we endeavor to help. At least a couple of Board Members want to get rid of this wretched policy disaster. Meanwhile, we wait and watch.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Mike Gleason

On Wed, May 1, 2019 at 2:41 PM jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com
<mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

All,

I received the following from Joan Deery and asked permission to share with the group.

This is what she sent that I wanted shared with the group.

Jerry,

I think the hiring of a Superintendent with no prior experience as Superintendent is a BIG mistake. Valerie introduced so many improvements: Diagnostic MAP testing, Strategic Governance Policies, eliminated site-based management (which Moss returned), extended learning, PBIS for student discipline and many more.

Yes, the Board did pay for gas allowance but I don't remember how much.

Dr. Truesdale left after I left the Board so I do not know why. It was not a clear departure so I have often wondered why. I never did believe it was to be closer to her grandchild in Charlotte, NC.

BTW, we did give Valerie rigorous academic measurements. However when she did not make them, my Board watered them down. I was very disappointed. We have not made any substantial progress in 10+ years. – other than graduation rates.

Joan also asked that I share "I hope they notice that my Board watered down our academic metrics and the consequences of that."

~Jerry

On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 1:01:28 PM EDT, jerry at the beach
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Beaufort County schools superintendent wins Lifetime Achievement Award

COLUMBIA-- Beaufort County School District Superintendent Valerie Truesdale was among three school leaders in th...

Hi Joan,

A quick snapshot of your superintendent:

Truesdale has served as high school and college faculty, as an assistant principal, a high school principal, a senior executive at the South Carolina Department of Education, a district chief instructional officer and as superintendent in Oconee County. Since 2007, Truesdale has served as superintendent in Beaufort County and since then, has reversed the district's stagnant academic fortunes with a strong focus on teacher development, enhanced classroom technology, extended learning opportunities for struggling learners and improved student discipline. Also an active member of SCASA, she was the 2009 SC Superintendent of the Year.

I do not believe the current candidate has the same impressive background, and should be paid accordingly. A question. Did your board also offer an \$850.00 per month gas allowance? Also, I seem to remember Ms. Truesdale as quite controversial and left at the end of her contract...Am I correct?

I remain well represented in Dist. 11.

~Jerry

On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 12:27:19 PM EDT, Marilyn Bullard
<bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

Thanks for that info Joan. Regressive thinking accomplishes nothing positive here. Time to move forward!!!

Regards,

Lyn

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2019, at 12:12 PM, Joan Deery <jdpc@hargray.com
<mailto:jdpc@hargray.com> > wrote:

All,

A short history. My Board hired its Superintendent in 2007 for \$207,000 per year with a 3 year contract. With a \$25,000 bonus, if the Performance Goals were met, the Superintendent could earn \$232,000 per year.

Joan

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Subject: Re: No more golden parachutes

Ha, ha - two of a kind. I repeat you are not a 12th school board member and don't have a vote.

Go away - pest!!

Best To You

Lyn

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On May 1, 2019, at 7:15 AM, jerry at the beach
<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

Mike Gleason was right!

~Jerry

On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 4:29:02 AM EDT, Marilyn Bullard
<bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

Hi Jerry; taking an average salary of very small school districts to justify a salary for a super large district is a failure in math for you.

Do you even know what a State Supt's job description is, or all the back door benefits that come to the politicians you describe?

As far as keeping the money you didn't work for in your pocket, give me your address and I'll send you a dollar every year to reimburse your tax payment for this new Supt. salary. because you are not a 12th school board member and don't get a vote-

Overseeing 54 schools is hardly inexperienced. Your anti school rhetoric is like - oh here we go again- what's Jerrys newest gripe - Ha ha -

I just don't get it. Projecting constant negativity is boring. - yawn, yawn- but then some people are happy being unhappy -

Regards,

Lyn

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2019, at 2:21 AM, jerry at the beach
<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

Hi Lyn,

I already provided a link in this thread with what each school district in SC pays. To review, the average School Superintendent salary in South Carolina is \$148,273 as of April 27, 2019, but the range typically falls between \$121,121 and \$178,911.

Once again I ask; why are we willing to pay an untested school Superintendent more than twice as much as the South Carolina Superintendent of Education, the Governor, Secretary of State or the Attorney General?

As to how I made my money...I married up. My biggest concern now is trying to keep it out of the hands of those who wish to redistribute other peoples money.

~Jerry

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 5:33:36 PM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

How about researching what other school districts in SC pay. As far as the governor goes, free mansion, servants, etc. Like I said before - demand that all those employees making \$100,000 plus in BCSD take a pay cut because you have your opinion on what salaries should be.

Living in Long Cove you definitely didn't make your money working in education.

Regards,

Lyn

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2019, at 5:09 PM, jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

Hi Lynn; Have you noticed the debt never gets retired?

I pay practically twice the amount for my HHP/ POA dues than I do for the school debt retirement on my property tax bill.

Additionally; why would we be willing to pay an untested school superintendent more than twice as much as the South Carolina Superintendent of Education, the Governor, Secretary of State or the Attorney General?

For the record...I don't think you are an elitist, but I bet you will be voting for Bernie in 2020.

~Jerry

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 2:48:49 PM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

Well Jerry - I viewed the town Supt examples listed in Michigan- Base Compensations Stated - because I am familiar with the State. They are all very small population areas with most probably 4 schools with 8 schools max. Hardly an accurate measure of salary comparisons for this 30 school district. I don't think there are many districts the size of BC in SC.

school board. But thanks for that info. Hopefully it will be helpful to the

Incidentally, I pay practically twice the amount for my HHP/ POA dues than

I do for the school debt retirement on my property tax bill. The 1% sales tax and other contributions I pay maybe would equal that POA amount,

Like I stated before - the undervalued

support for education for these students in this area is very surprising to me. But then according to Mike I am an up north elitist- not of the good ole boy mentality.

Regards,

Lyn Piwko Bullard

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 28, 2019, at 9:34 AM, jerry at the beach
<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

For comparison here are some other salaries in South Carolina.

Spearman South Carolina Superintendent of Education Molly Mitchell

\$92,007

Governor: Henry McMaster (R)

Salary: \$106,07

South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond

\$92,007

Attorney General of South Carolina Alan Wilson

\$92,007

A penny saved is a penny earned.

~Jerry

On Sunday, April 28, 2019, 8:54:01 AM EDT, jerry at the beach
<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

Have you looked at the link I provided? It gives a breakdown
by state and counties within the state.

~Jerry

On Sunday, April 28, 2019, 8:49:56 AM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

Yes, I do think our new school board members have some reasonable thinking skills. Unfortunately people like you are willing to condemn them before you even know the results.

Still - what size school districts are you talking about and what States are they in?

If you feel that the Supt should work for less, then all the administrators in the school district who make \$100,000 plus should be required to take a pay cut for the sake of OPM.

Regards,

Lyn Piwko Bullard

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On Apr 28, 2019, at 8:32 AM, jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

Here is another point of view from Rick Caporale posted in the Island Packet thread.

All the public can do is hope the Board of Education learned its lesson (actually, learned several lessons) after their experience with Jeff Moss: the length of the contract, the overly generous extensions, the absolutely mindless agreement to a termination clause that was both unnecessary and criminal in its generosity, and the complete

lack of any metric or measure of achievement to justify any of that spending. Let's hope they don't do it all over again.

Amen

~Jerry

On Sunday, April 28, 2019, 8:05:59 AM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

I'm sorry you feel that \$1 per person is too much to spend for someone

who now oversees 54 schools and who you think should maybe work for 50 cents in order to pay two teacher salaries. What size of school districts are you talking about and what states are they located in?

The responsibility we are talking about is enormous.

I don't see many senior citizens here being deprived of their out to dinners and cocktails in order to pay their

very small property tax.

Best To You

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

The average School Superintendent salary in the United States is \$158,841 as of March 28, 2019, but the range typically falls between \$129,747 and \$191,663.

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Find out your worth. Get a free personalized salary report to view salary ranges, and bonus and benefits informa...

A 2 minute search gleans the above information. How does the 'new board' justify a quarter million dollar + perks and benefits packages to an untested superintendent? The difference between the average salary and what we are apparently offering...would pay for two additional teachers.

Next step the contract negotiations, where we will learn how our 'new board' handles *OPM.

* Other Peoples Money

~Jerry

On Sunday, April 28, 2019, 7:17:13 AM EDT, Marilyn Bullard
<bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

One more thing; Prospective:

220,000

Since the population of Beaufort County is approximately

auto tag

and everyone pays some kind of school tax via 1% sales tax,

new car purchase, lease etc. That amounts to One dollar paid
per person towards the Supt base salary.

leadership

My Two Cents Worth is that it's a dollar well spend for new

towards school improvement.

It may even be less than that when you add in non-resident
population property operating tax .

So all this harping about the tax payers money not being well

pent

more to come because of his salary is an age old petty gripe,- along with

I'm sure from the usual grippers.

Regards,

Lyn Piwko Bullard

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On Apr 27, 2019, at 12:39 PM, jerry at the beach
<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

I submit our school district is having the current difficulties because of poor and lacking over-site rather than an overbearing school board. How many current board members have management experience?

Here is a comment from an alert reader taken from the article in today's IP which also brings up an interesting point of view;

"Okay, let me see if I understand this correctly, Mr. Rodriguez supervised close to 58,000 students and was paid by Palm Beach County \$152,000. Now he'll supervise less than half that amount, 22,000 students but will be offered around \$225,000 which was the 'advertised' amount. And we should worry about giving him longevity and security? I would think all that extra money would be security enough.

Will taxpayers take note of this and wonder why we're being asked to offer such a large sum of money? Another concern should be what we are obligated to pay if we ask for his resignation. Did the Board ever consider doing a 'comp study' to determine what the job was worth in comparable areas of size and value, or did they just increase what they previously paid?

Additionally, we've hired a law firm to represent our interests in negotiation (cost?) Wasn't any member of the board capable of doing the work? It's amazing to think the board hadn't designed parameters for this position prior to the offer! But we hired a LAW Firm?

Interesting to note, teachers are asking for a raise, better working conditions, increased mental health resources and are threatening a 'march'. How do we balance these two issues? How is it okay to what seems to be 'over-compensate' the superintendent yet not support the plight of our teachers in the classroom? Wow."

Jerry

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Im not talking about the money. I'm talking about the finger pointing wagging by an overbearing employer instead of a mutual win win hire situation.

Lyn Piiwko Bullard
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I don't view a 3 year contract with a starting salary of 200K per year (+ a great benefit package) and the opportunity to earn merit increases as punishment. Merit based pay increases are the way most business work...let's try an incentive formula for a change. BTW the current median income in SC is \$50,570.

~Jerry

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, 9:46:20 AM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

It's a two way street. Frankly BC

schools is in a heap of financial trouble among other pressing issues. We cannot punish the new hire for the baggage left by the former Supt.

We want a mutual professional relationship here, otherwise we will have a swinging door situation, continual turnover benefits no one.

Lyn Piwko Bullard

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I wish to remind all;

Dr. Rodriguez is an employee of the board and as such needs to be held accountable and paid according to his accomplishments...after proving competence and fiscal responsibility instead of before. Most jobs come with a probationary period. Let us keep in mind we are talking about taxpayers hard earned dollars. Let's insure he works hard for his money as well.

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