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**From:** Staton, Jennifer A  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 1:47 PM  
**To:** 'bisi@roadrunner.com'  
**Cc:** Foster, James H  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA request  
**Attachments:** Responsive E-mails\_Redacted.pdf

Mr. Bisi-

Thank you for your request for public records in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. Attached are e-mails responsive to your request. The BCSD performed a search on Ms. Cordray's e-mails from November 29, 2017 to December 12, 2017, using the search terms "bond" and/or "referendum." Non-responsive and duplicate e-mails from the requested date range are not included.

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-----Original Message-----

From: bisi@roadrunner.com [mailto:bisi@roadrunner.com]  
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:06 AM  
To: Staton, Jennifer A <Jennifer.Staton@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
Cc: Moss, Jeffrey C <Jeffrey.Moss@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
Subject: FOIA request

Ms. Staton,

Upon review of the FOIA requests listed on the school district website, my FOIA request sent to you on February 7, 2018 is not listed. Is there some reason why it is not listed?

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am hereby requesting all mails sent to or from board member Mary Cordray regarding the motion to approve a \$76 million school bond referendum. I am requesting emails sent to or from Mrs. Cordray from November 29, 2017 to December 12, 2017. Since these requested documents are in the public interest, I am asking you to waive any and all fees.

The school board was discussing a \$120 million referendum plan on November 28, 2017 but out of the blue, a \$76 million referendum plan appeared before the board 14 days later with no public discussion in that 14 day time frame. The motion for the \$76 million referendum was proposed by Mrs. Cordray.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Richard Bisi

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**From:** Moss, Jeffrey C <Jeffrey.Moss@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 10:02 AM  
**To:** BOE  
**Cc:** BCSD Senior Staff DL; Foster, James H  
**Subject:** 1st Monday Republican Meeting

Board Members:

I forgot to send you this invitation from Tom Hatfield with the 1st Monday Republican Club of Hilton Head. He has also invited senior staff and myself. I plan to attend. I know Tom and Rick Caporale will moderate the event and I would assume there may be questions concerning the Board's conversations to date on a possible referendum. If asked I will continue to state the Board is early in the discussion and has not made a decision either way in the direction they may take. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Jeff

The Hilton Head Island 1st Monday Republican Lunch Group  
Group will hold an open forum meeting on December 4th, at noon  
at Aunt Chiladas Restaurant to discuss the Beaufort County  
School District's proposal to have a Referendum to appropriate  
funds to deal with their many issues.

All School Board members have been invited to attend including  
Dr. Moss and other BCSD officials.

As is the tradition of 1st Monday, questions will be welcome.  
Those who wish to express their opinions will be able to  
answers those questions.

Jeffrey C. Moss, Ed.D.

Superintendent  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Evva A; Campbell, Earl; Cordray, Mary M; Gregory, Cynthia W; Gwozdz, Christina S; Kinton, Geraldine C; Orischak, Josephine A; Striebinger, David R  
**Subject:** 2017 delegate assembly hand book  
**Attachments:** 2017-delegateassembly-handbook-web.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Attached is the handbook for the Legislative Advocacy meeting. I will send your hotel confirmation numbers to you individually. If you have any questions concerning this weekend, let me know.

Robyn

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Thanks for the email!

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Please feel free to contact me again if you should have any additional questions.

Jim

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Consent agenda items and additional board material.  
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**To:** Gwozdz, Christina S; Campbell, Earl  
**Cc:** BOEOnly; Moss, Jeffrey C; Davis, Drew H  
**Subject:** RE: Dec 7th Meeting

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Geri Kinton, Vice Chair

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**Sent:** Sunday, December 3, 2017 10:37 AM  
**To:** Dowling, John R  
**Cc:** Campbell, Earl; Moss, Jeffrey C; Kinton, Geraldine C; Davis, Drew H; Dunkle, Joseph R; Payne, Wilbur M; Gwozdz, Christina S; Cordray, Mary M; Anderson, Evva A; Gregory, Cynthia W  
**Subject:** Re: Dec 7th Meeting

I agree with John here. Particularly in light of the scathing Editorial Opinion in today's paper . . .

**JoAnn Orischak**  
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**To:** Anderson, Evva A; Bill Payne; Campbell, Earl; Cordray, Mary M; Dowling, John R; Dunkle, Joseph R; Gregory, Cynthia W; Gwozdz, Christina S; Kinton, Geraldine C; Orischak, Josephine A; Payne, Wilbur M; Striebinger, David R  
**Cc:** Moss, Jeffrey C  
**Subject:** December 12, 2017 BOE Meeting May River High School  
**Attachments:** December 12 2017 BOE Meeting Agenda.pdf; 2017.10.24 Board Policy 3.11 - Board Legislative Program.pdf; 2017.11.21 2018 BCSD Legislative Agenda.pdf; BCSD Audit Presentation.pdf; County Channel MOU.pdf; Final BCSD CAFR FY2017.pdf; News Release Re Wayne Worner - final - 12.11.17.pdf; 2017\_12\_11\_10\_56\_25.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Attached is the updated/final agenda and agenda items. I will send two separate emails with agenda items. Board Business and Consent Agenda items. Reminder, that the meeting will be held at May River High School. Executive Session will begin at 5:00 p.m.

See you tomorrow.

Robyn

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**From:** jerry at the beach [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 2:28 AM  
**To:** christina.gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us; bill.payne@beaufort.k12.sc.us;  
John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us; joseph.dunkle@beaufort.k12.sc.us;  
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David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us; geri.kinton@beaufort.k12.sc.us;  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: External audit is critical

Excellent letter Richard, and thank you for all of your time and effort on behalf of the community. I would like to revise your closing sentence to read... A comprehensive, independent, external audit of school district finances are what the taxpayers of the district deserve and demand before any new funding is approved at the ballot box.

G.A. Smith  
Well represented in Dist. 11.

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**From:** Kinton, Geraldine C <Geraldine.Kinton@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:33 PM  
**To:** Cordray, Mary M  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Revision to First Motion

The motion looks good. "Fulfill the original expansion plan" is the exact language I was trying to pull out of my small brain last night - great job!

What about Referendum Community Accountability Committee (RCAC)? It's a Community Committee reporting to the community.

Geri Kinton, Vice Chair  
BCSD Board Member  
843.846.2366

From: Cordray, Mary M  
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2:55 PM  
Subject: Fw: Revision to First Motion  
To: Kinton, Geraldine C

Geri, I changed the order of the projects based on some feedback I received from Amanda W. Do you a vision for how the community committee might work? I am not sure I like the word "Oversight". Maybe Community Liaison group. I am worried Oversight suggests the "Actual Need to Watch Us". I don't want the group to think they have replaced the Board in its oversight role, etc. Mary

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**To:** Amanda Walrad  
**Cc:** Anderson, Evva A  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Two Motions for tonights meeting

Amanda, Stu Rodman believes that growth from the Re-Assessment next year will provide sufficient funds to address ALL of our needs. I think that is not realistic.

In discussion on the Referendum Motion, I planned to indicate that it is my recommendation is to plan for that the growth in our 8% capacity that results from the new properties coming on-line and the Re-Assessment that we will be able to address the HHI renovations and other HVAC upgrades that are part of the Superintendent 5-year CIP. Geri Kinton plans to discuss the fact that when the referendum is successful that the Board could discuss appointing a Community group. I was concerned if I made a motion that included both, some might use the more traditional "8% projects" as a reason to delay.

There is a new idea that is being proposed tomorrow night by the two HHI Elementary school principals. They are suggesting that we eliminate the middle school and they both want to become 1-8. These are reconfiguration discussions and should not impact our Referendum issues. I spoke with Jeff and he does not see this as tied to the Referendum.

I have re-ordered the projects in the motion below. I have concerns about making motion to specific and confusing. I don't want to get into the position of not being able to begin the May River addition until we complete the River Ridge addition, or not being able to begin a CATE building until we complete the two additions. In this case, it is not like we have to wait until the funds come in to begin the projects. I hope this makes sense.

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**To:** Dunkle, Joseph R  
**Cc:** BOEOnly  
**Subject:** RE: FY17 CAFRBOEOnly  
**Attachments:** Final BCSD CAFR FY2017.pdf

Here it is attached and should be on the website by the end of the day.

Jeff

Jeffrey C. Moss, Ed.D.

Superintendent  
Beaufort County School District  
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**Subject:** FY17 CAFR

Good afternoon,

I wanted to check and see if the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year '17 is available yet?

Thank you,

Joseph

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**To:** Cordray, Mary M  
**Cc:** Campbell, Earl; Kinton, Geraldine C; Striebinger, David R; Moss, Jeffrey C; Cushingberry, Robyn L; BOEOnly  
**Subject:** Re: Last Nights meeting length

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Mary

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Cordray, Mary M <Mary.Cordray@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 10:43 AM  
**To:** Striebinger, David R  
**Cc:** Campbell, Earl; Kinton, Geraldine C; Moss, Jeffrey C; Cushingberry, Robyn L; BOEOnly  
**Subject:** Re: Last Nights meeting length

David,

While I respect your right to disagree, we did not have this problem with the first meeting of the committee of the whole. Last night's agenda included two Executive Sessions and other items that are routine such as the review of the Admin Rules & a referendum plan, rezoning, etc. Nothing about last night's meeting was routine or res-resent active of any meeting.

Not everything on last night's agenda had to be done last night.

Mary

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On Nov 29, 2017, at 10:07 AM, Striebinger, David R <[David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us)> wrote:

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Beaufort County Board of Education

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 10:08 AM  
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**Cc:** Moss, Jeffrey C; Cushingberry, Robyn L; BOEOnly  
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**From:** Foster, James H <James.Foster@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** BCSD All Users (Do not Reply)  
**Subject:** NEWS RELEASE: Board of Education approves bond referendum

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

## Board of Education approves April 21 bond referendum, purchases of mobile classrooms

BEAUFORT – The Beaufort County Board of Education voted tonight to hold a county-wide bond referendum on April 21 aimed at adding classroom space to address student enrollment growth in the southern part of the county.

If county voters approve, general obligation bonds not to exceed \$76 million would be used to build additional classrooms at River Ridge Academy and May River High School, a new school in Bluffton and new Career and Technical Education buildings at Beaufort, Bluffton and Hilton Head Island high schools similar to current facilities at Battery Creek and May River high schools.

In a separate vote, the Board approved funds not to exceed \$1.2 million to purchase and install mobile classrooms at Pritchardville Elementary and River Ridge Academy to provide relief at those two crowded schools.

Jim Foster  
Director of Communications  
Beaufort County School District  
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843-441-1560 (mobile)  
843-322-2330 (fax)  
jim.foster@beaufort.k12.sc.us

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**From:** Cushingberry, Robyn L <Robyn.Cushingberry@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:12 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Evva A; Bill Payne; Campbell, Earl; Cordray, Mary M; Dowling, John R; Dunkle, Joseph R; Gregory, Cynthia W; Gwozdz, Christina S; Kinton, Geraldine C; Orischak, Josephine A; Payne, Wilbur M; Striebinger, David R  
**Subject:** November 28th Committee of the Whole Minutes  
**Attachments:** November 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes Draft.pdf

Attached are the minutes from the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. I left them out of the last grouping.  
Robyn

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**From:** Windrunner Stables <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10:19 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Cynthia gregory; Evva Anderson; Geri Kinton;  
deann.komanecy@blufftontoday.com; Mary Cordray; fran bis; Christina  
Gwozdz; Jen Wallace; Joan Deery; Earl Campbell; [REDACTED];  
Kinton, Geraldine C; bill.payne@beaufort.k12.sc.us; JoAnn Orischak; John  
dowling; David Striebinger; Jim Bequette; katie k wilts; Sally Mahan; Bill Dunkle; Joseph  
Iaco; Rick Caporale; Richard Bisi; Dan Hunt; Payne, Wilbur M; Kelly Meyerhofer  
**Subject:** Re: Pop quiz for School Board Members

Please consider one minor edits or modification to your pop quiz question, my suggestions are noted in red...  
+ "(a Superintendent of Schools, who for more than ten months **lied** to the board and the Community, then  
several days before the trial, **he plead** guilty to several violations of ethics laws... found guilty of ethics  
violations and history of overbuilding in North Carolina) +" ....

Just a thought for clarity to further emphasize core elements of the individual's integrity, judgement and trust.  
Thank you.

Anthony Cambria

*Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid*

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**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 2:04 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Referendum compromise

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**From:** jerry at the beach <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 9:14:28 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Amanda Walrad  
**Cc:** Gwozdz, Christina S; Payne, Wilbur M; Gregory, Cynthia W; Dowling, John R; Dunkle, Joseph R; Orischak, Josephine A; Anderson, Evva A; Cordray, Mary M; Campbell, Earl; Striebinger, David R; Kinton, Geraldine C;  
[REDACTED]  
Strutek; Lindsay Weller; Ashley Parlagreco  
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Amanda Walrad, Founding Member  
STAND for Children Beaufort County

If you want to STAND for something Ms. Walrad, STAND up for fiscal responsibility, transparency and standardized academic curriculum / testing opportunities in all schools. Don't STAND for irresponsible, self serving board members having their hand in your purse.

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**From:** Cordray, Mary M <Mary.Cordray@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 2, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** Kenneth Childs  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Town Meeting Opinion

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**From:** chrisnlori@aol.com <chrisnlori@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 3:07:02 PM  
**To:** Cordray, Mary M; Gregory, Cynthia W; christine.gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us; patricia.montgomery@beaufort.k12.sc.us; Kinton, Geraldine C; Payne, Wilbur M; david.strienbinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us; Orischak, Josephine A; Dunkle, Joseph R; earl.campbell@beaufort.sc.us; Cushingberry, Robyn L  
**Cc:** Anderson, Evva A  
**Subject:** Re: Town Meeting Opinion

Dear Board members,

I have tried to be at every board meeting, town hall meeting, community meetings within my development to address all that has been going on as of late. I have been doing MY BEST in educating other parents that BOTH the Board and the Superintendent are concerned about our children. There has been SUCH a community divide due to past issues with the board, and now today we learn that the last board meeting the ONLY way to RESOLVE an issue had to come down to POLICE TO BE CALLED!

Really???

Really????

THIS is how we are suppose to put trust in all of you? THIS is how we are suppose to show our children of this community how to resolve issues? As adults, the ONLY way you saw fit to resolve OUR COMMUNITY's ISSUES... was to get authority involved FOR YOU???

I do NOT care what the issues were, I don't even care who did what... there are ENOUGH adults on the board to have STOPPED any escalation that happened in that room. You ALL should be held accountable for your actions last week.

I had planned to go to another meeting this evening for the sake of my children, I will NO longer be attending. I will NOT be wasting my time with this board for ONE MORE SECOND.

When you can issue a PUBLIC statement of apology... when you ALL can come together for the sake of OUR CHILDREN... then I may reconsider.

Thank you so much for LETTING US ALL DOWN!!!!!!

Lori Sabins

Mother of two daughters that I raised with MUCH GREATER MORALS THAN YOU HAVE

On Oct 12, 2017, at 1:17 PM, AOL <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Board Members,

I am forwarding to you my email that I sent to my BOE rep Evva. I do hope you take this into consideration when you receive feedback from your areas.

Thank you,  
Lori Sabins

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** AOL <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Town Meeting Opinion  
**Date:** October 12, 2017 at 1:02:37 PM EDT  
**To:** [evva.anderson@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:evva.anderson@beaufort.k12.sc.us)  
**Cc:** [mcovert@bcgov.net](mailto:mcovert@bcgov.net)

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

Thank you for representing our area at the Town Meeting Tuesday. I was shocked to see so little turnout from the rest of the board on such an important topic. Although I was not given a chance to speak that evening (the mic seemed to keep going around me) I want to make sure the board knows my thoughts.

I do NOT want to see another Re-zoning happen in Bluffton. These children need stability! Every kindergarten teacher you speak to will tell you the one thing they hope for the most for their students is a place that offers them STABILITY. Every guidance counselor will tell you that the children that walk through their doors are looking for STABILITY. Ask any high schooler that are already going through tons of peer pressure with firsts everything... first college prep courses, first driving, first dates, first being asked to parties. These kids need STABILITY.

I don't think that any board member is TRYING to destabilize our children intentionally, but that is exactly what will be done with Re-zoning these children.

Here is what I HOPE will get passed:

I truly believe that for a short term fix... MOBILE UNITS are needed. This will help us so that while the community looks at referendums and looks at involving the town council, developers, etc for a TRUE long term plan for our children and grandchildren to stay in Bluffton .., the only TRUE choice is MOBILEs until all of that can be rectified. It won't happen overnight, and so therefore it is my understanding if Mobiles are not ordered by November, they are completely off the table. **Someone else just told me that Dr Moss stated they were completely off the table, is that true??** I surely hope not.

All I know , is whatever the board decides, it needs to have a true understanding of how impactful this is to families across the county. I have two daughters that have managed to stay good citizens and do the right thing through all the peer pressure. The youngest has done nothing all year but talk about her being at her big sisters school next year so when my oldest is a senior, she will be a freshman. She couldn't wait to go into the same health class as her older sister that is offered at May River in a state of the art room... that she saw with me on back to school night. She has had that vision for two years now. NOW if they are rezoned I will have one senior at one high school (who will be missing some of her friends because due to transportation issues they will be forced to go to bluffton with no choice) as well as her own SISTER who will be at another whole high school. How is that fair? I don't promise my children much in today's society,, but I do promise them the hope of a great future. And I truly had believed deep down that re-zoning was behind us, so I DID promise my younger daughter that would be her school. I feel very let down that so close to next year we are JUST hearing this topic.

My story is just one of SO many.. and your job on the board cannot be to have empathy for all the stories such as mine. BUT COLLECTIVELY I DO think that is your job and everyone ON the board to really take a BIG picture look at this community. You all will be responsible for really breaking this community apart. It is already starting on social media, and it is sad. These things should have been handled years ago, and since they were not, why do our children have to be punished?

Please please please let mobile units come into the schools so that Re-zoning is OFF the table until we can all come together as a community and figure this out. We cannot figure this out with Mobile units off the table. NO building can be done by next year, no other option than doing nothing for another year, can be mobile units. We NEED this desperately.

You will hear so many of my friends also talk about a referendum that needs to be passed. I agree Dr Moss did a great job explaining that the other night, and I believe it is what is needed. But in his own words... that cannot be done overnight. So we will be left with re-zoning. I still believe Mobile units are the very best decision until over the next YEAR we all sit down and figure out a real long term solution. There are a lot of smart business owners in this community that make long term plans all the time. We need to utilize those resources to help the board come up with a better solution for the long road. But that long road

should NEVER offer another re-zoning for the STABILITY needed for these children.

Thank you,  
Lori Sabins

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**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 3:17 PM  
**To:** Connie Pratt  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Amanda Walrad; christina.gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us;  
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geri.kinton@beaufort.k12.sc.us; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Jodie Strutek; Lindsay Weller; Ashley Parlagreco  
**Subject:** Re: Referendum compromise

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Guess what Ms. Pratt...Moss already knows no referendum will pass on his watch. He must have an exit strategy.

G.A. Smith  
Well represented in Dist. 11.

On Friday, December 8, 2017, 2:51:24 PM EST, Connie Pratt <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Ms Walrad:

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Connie Pratt  
Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Jodie Strutek; Lindsay Weller; Ashley Parlagreco  
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I could go on for days listing examples of Dr. Moss's illegal, unethical and bullying activities, but you clearly are choosing to ignore them.

To suggest that the members of CARE are not looking out for the future, health and safety of our children is simply not true. In fact, the opposite is true.

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Connie Pratt  
Sent from my iPhone

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geri.kinton@beaufort.k12.sc.us; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Referendum compromise

Hi Richard,

thank you for attempting to bring compromise to the table.

Allow me to share my prospective;

A Moss resignation is a forgone conclusion before ANY money will be approved by the electorate.

Unfortunately CARE's proposed solution leaves a dysfunctional school board majority in place. A majority with a proven track record of very poor stewardship of how other peoples money is managed and spent.

From my point of view, asset preservation should be part of the school district budget, not an additional burden on the taxpayers as an add-on. Remember all those sub-sandwich p-card charges, flights and hotel trips by unidentified people to attend unknown events? Recall the second gymnasium and performing arts center for the Whale Branch? How about the TCL funding? Where was the need for asset preservation then?

Real change has to come from the electorate in Districts 1,3,5,7 8 and 10, and I look forward to making that a reality.

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~Jerry

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**From:** Cordray, Mary M <Mary.Cordray@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:51 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Referendum compromise

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:09:36 AM  
**To:** Gwozdz, Christina S; Payne, Wilbur M; Gregory, Cynthia W; Dowling, John R; Dunkle, Joseph R; Orischak, Josephine A; Anderson, Evva A; Cordray, Mary M; Campbell, Earl; Striebinger, David R; Kinton, Geraldine C  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 2:56 PM  
**To:** Kinton, Geraldine C  
**Subject:** Fw: Revision to First Motion

Geri, I changed the order of the projects based on some feedback I received from Amanda W. Do you a vision for how the community committee might work? I am not sure I like the word "Oversight". Maybe Community Liaison group. I am worried Oversight suggests the "Actual Need to Watch Us". I don't want the group to think they have replaced the Board in its oversight role, etc. Mary

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**Cc:** Moss, Jeffrey C; Campbell, Earl  
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**Sent:** Sunday, December 3, 2017 11:37 AM  
**To:** Bill Payne  
**Cc:** Joann Orischak; Christina Gwozdz; Mary Cordray; Striebinger R; Geraldine Kinton; Campbell Earl  
**Subject:** Special "emergency" Board Meeting-School Referendum

Mr. Payne,  
Hope you're enjoying the weekend.

Perhaps you might be able to clarify something for me. I heard a rumor that an emergency meeting of the school board has been called to discuss the upcoming referendum, scheduled this Thursday, 12/7/17 at 4pm. I try not to rely on social media for facts, therefore I'm contacting you as my zone representative for verification/clarification. Have you or any other board members been notified of such a meeting?

- Is this rumor accurate?
- Is there such a meeting scheduled?
- When were the board members notified of the meeting?

I look forward to your timely response. Any board member in the "HHI Cluster" may also reply to my inquiry.

Sincerely,  
Tony Cambria

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**From:** Casper, Cristin <Cristin.Casper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 1, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** BCSD All Users (Do not Reply)  
**Subject:** Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: November 28, 2017

## **Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: November 28, 2017**

Chair Earl Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:56 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion to approve the subletting of the Burroughs Avenue property by Holy Trinity Classical Christian School as discussed in executive session (approved). Motion to allow the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism to proceed with its acquisition of the Beaufort County real property discussed in executive session for the purpose, in part, of creating additional recreational and educational opportunities for Beaufort County students (approved). Motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to terminate Employee A (approved).

Motion to amend the agenda postponing the second executive session to the next Board meeting in the interest of time (failed). Motion to move the executive session to the break at 6:15 (approved). Motion to postpone the superintendent's recommendation for Student Capacity Solutions until the next Board meeting (failed). Motion to approve the amended agenda (approved).

Board member Joseph Dunkle requested that the Board reconsider its current meeting structure. Board member David Striebinger suggested the conversation as an agenda item.

Pledge of Allegiance, invocation.

General Counsel Drew Davis presented a resolution on the governor's veto regarding school buses and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to approve the resolution (approved).

Mr. Davis presented Administrative Rules updates and addressed the Board's questions.

Chief Administrative and Human Resources Officer Alice Walton presented the annual Human Resources Report and responded to the Board's questions. Motion to move the Human Resources Report forward to the next Board meeting for a vote (approved).

Chief Finance & Operations Officer Tonya Crosby presented the First Quarter Financial Report and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to move the P.E. forward for a vote at the next Board meeting (approved). Facilities, Planning and Construction Officer Robert Oetting presented on the Port Royal easement and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to move the Port Royal easement proposal forward to the next Board meeting for action (approved). Ms. Crosby reported on the Transparency Report review.

Chief Auxiliary Services Officer Gregory McCord presented the annual Office of Auxiliary Services Report and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to move the report forward for action at the next Board meeting (approved).

Director of Accountability Daniel Fallon presented the annual Student Achievement Report and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to move P.E 1.1. forward for action at the next Board meeting (approved). Director of Secondary Education Geri Henderson presented the Instructional Time Report and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to move P.E. 1.10 forward for action at the next Board meeting (approved). Ms. Henderson and Karen Gilbert, Director of CATE, presented on district-approved courses and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to move the three courses forward for action at the next Board meeting (approved). Hilton Head Island High School Principal Amanda O'Nan and two students presented on International Baccalaureate and addressed the Board's questions.

Dr. Moss and the Board briefly discussed the upcoming December Saturday make-up day.  
Dr. Moss presented on the revised 2018-2019 calendar and addressed the Board's questions.

Director of Communications Jim Foster presented P.E. 8.0 (Community Relations Report) and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to forward P.E. 8.0 to the next Board meeting for action (approved).

### **Public Comment**

A community member spoke regarding the school district's governance. A community member spoke regarding a possible school bond referendum. A community member spoke about the graduation rate and requested that the Board add a measurement to P.E. 1. A community member spoke regarding school start times. A community members spoke regarding school capacity solutions.

The Board went into executive session at 7:22 p.m.

With no action coming out of executive session, the public meeting resumed at 8:52 p.m.

### **Superintendent's Recommendation**

Mr. Oetting and Planning Coordinator Carol Crutchfield presented Student Capacity Solutions and addressed the Board's questions. Dr. Moss presented his recommendations and addressed the Board's questions.

### **Board Matters**

#### **Town Hall Meetings**

Board member JoAnn Orischak stated she is planning a Hilton Head Town Hall meeting in late February. Board discussion regarding the establishment of quorums at Board town hall meetings.

#### **Board Budget Review**

Board discussion regarding content of the Board budget report.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

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**From:** Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** Cordray, Mary M  
**Cc:** Cordray, Mary M; Campbell, Earl; Kinton, Geraldine C; Striebinger, David R; Moss, Jeffrey C; Cushingberry, Robyn L; BOEOnly; Dowling, John R  
**Subject:** Re: Ten Pounds of Potatoes

Mary,

We didn't have this issue during the FIRST committee-of-the-whole meeting, because we hadn't accumulated a **backlog** of topics yet.

The list of backlogged agenda topics will grow exponentially each month. David's analogy is accurate (and funny, I might add).

JoAnn

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 29, 2017, at 4:33 PM, Dowling, John R <[John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us)> wrote:

I strenuously object to the idea of disposing of the Supt's recommendation prior to the Dec 12th meeting. We were only given the current data yesterday, and due diligence requires a full and thorough vetting of that information. Neither the BOE nor the Public that we serve will benefit by an unnecessary acceleration of the decision making process.

John Dowling  
Beaufort County BOE  
District 6 Representative  
Sent from my IPAD

On Nov 29, 2017, at 9:49 AM, "Cordray, Mary M" <[Mary.Cordray@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:Mary.Cordray@beaufort.k12.sc.us)> wrote:

Officers, As you know, the length of the meeting last night was excessive. The problem is not with the Committee of the Whole concept but rather the length of the Agenda put together. The role of the officers is to set an agenda appropriate for the desired meeting time. This may require that you prioritize and not place all items requested on the "next" agenda. I recognize that you are trying to be responsive to requests from members of the Board but everything can't be on the "next" agenda.

I am also proposing that we have a special called meeting in December - preferably prior to the Dec 12 Board meeting to discuss and review the Superintendent's recommendations from last night regarding reconfiguration, student assignment changes and the proposed referendum. This should also include a review of the \$120 million project list for the referendum. I believe this topic is deserving of a special called meeting. Otherwise our next formal Board

Meeting could end up running 9 hours.

Thank you

Mary

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 3:07 PM  
**To:** mary.cordray@beaufort.k12.sc.us; cynthia.gregory@beaufort.k12.sc.us;  
christine.gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us; patricia.montgomery@beaufort.k12.sc.us;  
geri.kinton@beaufort.k12.sc.us; bill.payne@beaufort.k12.sc.us;  
david.strienbinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us; joann.orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us;  
joseph.dunkle@beaufort.k12.sc.us; earl.campbell@beaufort.sc.us;  
robyn.cushingberry@beaufort.k12.sc.us  
**Cc:** evva.anderson@beaufort.k12.sc.us  
**Subject:** Re: Town Meeting Opinion

Dear Board members,

I have tried to be at every board meeting, town hall meeting, community meetings within my development to address all that has been going on as of late. I have been doing MY BEST in educating other parents that BOTH the Board and the Superintendent are concerned about our children. There has been SUCH a community divide due to past issues with the board, and now today we learn that the last board meeting the ONLY way to RESOLVE an issue had to come down to POLICE TO BE CALLED!

Really???

Really????

THIS is how we are suppose to put trust in all of you? THIS is how we are suppose to show our children of this community how to resolve issues? As adults, the ONLY way you saw fit to resolve OUR COMMUNITY's ISSUES... was to get authority involved FOR YOU???

I do NOT care what the issues were, I don't even care who did what... there are ENOUGH adults on the board to have STOPPED any escalation that happened in that room. You ALL should be held accountable for your actions last week.

I had planned to go to another meeting this evening for the sake of my children, I will NO longer be attending. I will NOT be wasting my time with this board for ONE MORE SECOND.

When you can issue a PUBLIC statement of apology... when you ALL can come together for the sake of OUR CHILDREN... then I may reconsider.

Thank you so much for LETTING US ALL DOWN!!!!!!

Lori Sabins

Mother of two daughters that I raised with MUCH GREATER MORALS THAN YOU HAVE

On Oct 12, 2017, at 1:17 PM, AOL <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Board Members,

I am forwarding to you my email that I sent to my BOE rep Evva. I do hope you take this into consideration when you receive feedback from your areas.

Thank you,  
Lori Sabins

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** AOL <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Town Meeting Opinion  
**Date:** October 12, 2017 at 1:02:37 PM EDT  
**To:** [evva.anderson@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:evva.anderson@beaufort.k12.sc.us)  
**Cc:** [mcovert@bcgov.net](mailto:mcovert@bcgov.net)

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

Thank you for representing our area at the Town Meeting Tuesday. I was shocked to see so little turnout from the rest of the board on such an important topic. Although I was not given a chance to speak that evening (the mic seemed to keep going around me) I want to make sure the board knows my thoughts.

I do NOT want to see another Re-zoning happen in Bluffton. These children need stability! Every kindergarten teacher you speak to will tell you the one thing they hope for the most for their students is a place that offers them STABILITY. Every guidance counselor will tell you that the children that walk through their doors are looking for STABILITY. Ask any high schooler that are already going through tons of peer pressure with firsts everything... first college prep courses, first driving, first dates, first being asked to parties. These kids need STABILITY.

I don't think that any board member is TRYING to destabilize our children intentionally, but that is exactly what will be done with Re-zoning these children.

Here is what I HOPE will get passed:

I truly believe that for a short term fix... MOBILE UNITS are needed. This will help us so that while the community looks at referendums and looks at involving the town council, developers, etc for a TRUE long term plan for our children and grandchildren to stay in Bluffton .., the only TRUE choice is MOBILEs until all

of that can be rectified. It won't happen overnight, and so therefore it is my understanding if Mobiles are not ordered by November, they are completely off the table. **Someone else just told me that Dr Moss stated they were completely off the table, is that true??** I surely hope not.

All I know , is whatever the board decides, it needs to have a true understanding of how impactful this is to families across the county. I have two daughters that have managed to stay good citizens and do the right thing through all the peer pressure. The youngest has done nothing all year but talk about her being at her big sisters school next year so when my oldest is a senior, she will be a freshman. She couldn't wait to go into the same health class as her older sister that is offered at May River in a state of the art room... that she saw with me on back to school night. She has had that vision for two years now. NOW if they are rezoned I will have one senior at one high school (who will be missing some of her friends because due to transportation issues they will be forced to go to bluffton with no choice) as well as her own SISTER who will be at another whole high school. How is that fair? I don't promise my children much in today's society,, but I do promise them the hope of a great future. And I truly had believed deep down that re-zoning was behind us, so I DID promise my younger daughter that would be her school. I feel very let down that so close to next year we are JUST hearing this topic.

My story is just one of SO many.. and your job on the board cannot be to have empathy for all the stories such as mine. BUT COLLECTIVELY I DO think that is your job and everyone ON the board to really take a BIG picture look at this community. You all will be responsible for really breaking this community apart. It is already starting on social media, and it is sad. These things should have been handled years ago, and since they were not, why do our children have to be punished?

Please please please let mobile units come into the schools so that Re-zoning is OFF the table until we can all come together as a community and figure this out. We cannot figure this out with Mobile units off the table. NO building can be done by next year, no other option than doing nothing for another year, can be mobile units. We NEED this desperately.

You will hear so many of my friends also talk about a referendum that needs to be passed. I agree Dr Moss did a great job explaining that the other night, and I believe it is what is needed. But in his own words... that cannot be done overnight. So we will be left with re-zoning. I still believe Mobile units are the very best decision until over the next YEAR we all sit down and figure out a real long term solution. There are a lot of smart business owners in this community that make long term plans all the time. We need to utilize those resources to help the board come up with a better solution for the long road. But that long road should NEVER offer another re-zoning for the STABILITY needed for these children.

Thank you,  
Lori Sabins

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**From:** Cordray, Mary M <Mary.Cordray@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Evva A  
**Cc:** Amanda Walrad  
**Subject:** Fw: Two Motions for tonights meeting

Oopl. I meant to copy Evva.

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**To:** Cushingberry, Robyn L; Mercado, Amelia B  
**Cc:** Moss, Jeffrey C; Campbell, Earl  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 12:40 PM  
**To:** Cordray, Mary M  
**Subject:** RE: Two Motions for tonights meeting

Thank you.  
Robyn

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