
From: Crosby, Tonya V
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 4:06 PM
To: fran bisi; jerry at the beach
Cc: Fidrych, Patricia; Campbell, Melvin P; Geier, Richard P; Gwozdz, Christina S; Smith, William C; Dowling, John R; Orischak, Josephine A; Campbell, Earl; Robine, Cathy G; Striebinger, David R; Wisnefski, Rachel K; Berg, Herbert M; Staton, Jennifer A; Maggie Angst; Jim Bequette; Joan Deery; BOEOnly
Subject: RE: hilton head island inn

Ms. Bisi,

The vendor name is coming directly from the District's credit card statement. We do not alter the name of the vendor and do not have control of the account name they use on their credit card machines. Oftentimes, the vendor uses the name of a parent company for billing purposes.

Tonya

From: fran bisi [mailto:]
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If the vendor's name had been correctly entered as the "Simple Reward Inn" there would have been no need for clarification. Naming a vendor that doesn't exist, i.e. "**Hilton Head Island Inn &..**" is careless bookkeeping.

fran

On Friday, January 25, 2019, 3:49:27 PM EST, Crosby, Tonya V <Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Yes ma'am. However, I am not aware of any errors that were made and corrected.

Tonya Crosby

From: fran bisi [mailto: [REDACTED]]
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Thank you for clarifying and correcting the errors made on the district's Transparency Reports and Billing Statements.

fran bisi

On Friday, January 25, 2019, 3:34:50 PM EST, Crosby, Tonya V <Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

The full name of the hotel is Simple Rewards Inn- Hilton Head. Attached are the receipts.

Thank you,

Tonya V. Crosby, CPA

Chief Financial Officer

Beaufort County School District

P.O. Drawer 309

Beaufort, SC 29901

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From: fran bisi [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 3:25 PM

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Please provide receipts for the HHI Inn which is located 1/4 mi. from the H.S. since I am familiar with that area and know of no such hotel.

fran

On Friday, January 25, 2019, 2:11:15 PM EST, Crosby, Tonya V <Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

The out of town referees in question are for football games at Hilton Head Island High School. I would like to offer some background information. The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) assigns referees for high school games. These assignments are made to out of town referees to eliminate the potential for biases of hometown team referees. The SCHSL defines the amount of the travel reimbursements made to the referees and is subject to a cap. The League also requires that a meeting room, shower facilities, and changing space be made available to the referees. Games often end around 10pm and the room is made available to them overnight since they often have significant travel time. The HHI Inn is located ¼ mile from the school. The referees and their hotel expenses are paid from the gate proceeds which are deposited into the school's athletics Student Activities account. I hope this provides some additional information.

Thank you,

Tonya V. Crosby, CPA

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Mrs. Gwozdz, board leadership and school board trustees;

I keep wondering why Ms. Bisi has to point out financial irregularities of how dollars collected for education are being spent? Why is not our Finance Committee challenging these questionable expenses? And above all, why should Ms. Bisi be charged for uncovering charges applied against a non-existent hotel?

Additionally I question why we need "out of town referees" to begin with. Are the referees in question on per diem, and receiving mileage as well? Where did the *players* requiring out of town referees find accommodations? How did they get here, and how and when did they get home?

At the very least I would like to think our board would be wondering; why our school district does not have preestablished contract rates, at legitimate hotels for people with verifiable needs of overnight accommodations.

With all new board leadership I look forward to a response.

Respectfully,

G.A. Smith

Well represented in Dist. 11.

On Friday, January 25, 2019, 8:52:05 AM EST, fran bisi <[REDACTED]> wrote:

On January 14th I wrote to you regarding the following charges debited to the fund entitled "PUPIL ACTIVITY/STUDENT & SCHOOL GENERATED FUNDS" at Hilton Head High School :

"Please provide clarification for the following charges taken from the billing statements under the heading Hilton Head High School:

7011 TXN00226526 08/20/2018 08/17/2018 97.90 0.00 97.90 HILTON HEAD ISLAND INN &

7011 TXN00228645 09/10/2018 09/07/2018 97.90 0.00 97.90 HILTON HEAD ISLAND INN &

7011 TXN00229402 09/24/2018 09/21/2018 97.90 0.00 97.90 HILTON HEAD ISLAND INN &

7011 TXN00231297 10/15/2018 10/13/2018 97.90 0.00 97.90 HILTON HEAD ISLAND INN &

**Each charge is explained on the corresponding Transparency Reports as:
"Hotel for out of town referees"**

Please send me all associated documents for these charges, including hotel receipts, bookkeepers' verifications, proof of payment to each referee for their services for that date, payment to the sheriff's office for security, etc."

You replied later that day:

This email serves as confirmation of your request and some direction on how to best process your request. Since your request includes associated documents for all of these charges, I will be forwarding it to Jennifer Staton to route it through the FOIA process. Ms. Staton will be in touch with you soon to guide you through that process.

That was the final correspondence I received from anyone at the BCSD.

Please be aware that the vendor name is incorrect. There is no hotel named "Hilton Head Island Inn....". Because of this error, the explanation of **"Hotel for out of town referees"** is also in question.

Please provide the information I requested at no cost since it will serve to clarify errors in the information that was given to the public during August, September and October 2018.

thank you

fran bisi