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Bonnie

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Mr. Henrickson,

I cannot and will not discuss any personnel information of anyone on my staff with you. I have followed the procedures that BCSD requires when there is an issue or concern that has been brought to my attention.

Thank you,  
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On May 30, 2018, at 8:51 PM, BRM <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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**From:** Brooke <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** May 30, 2018 at 8:44:57 PM EDT

**To:** [communitycomments@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:communitycomments@beaufort.k12.sc.us)

**Cc:** Brooke May [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Safety of my Children

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**From:** Moss, Jeffrey C <Jeffrey.Moss@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** BRM  
**Cc:** Almond, Bonnie N; Dunkle, Joseph R; Tooman, Daniel S; Sean Henrickson; Walton, Alice W; Gregory, Cynthia W  
**Subject:** Re: Safety of my Children

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:27 AM  
**To:** Brett May  
**Cc:** Almond, Bonnie N; Tooman, Daniel S; Walton, Alice W; Gregory, Cynthia W; Kinton, Geraldine C; Dunkle, Joseph R  
**Subject:** Re: Senior Awards Night!!

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On May 31, 2018, at 7:31 AM, Brett May <[waveridermam@aol.com](mailto:waveridermam@aol.com)> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

Myself and many others are in shock to see and hear what went on and who was there at senior awards night at Beaufort High School on Wednesday May 30th 2018.

Just to bring everyone up to speed I am writing this because many parents don't have a voice for various reasons. So the person who has started this entire issue at BHS Michael J. Kelley JR. was once again back in action at the school last night. I was alerted by several parents that he was there for awards and is [REDACTED] so he had no reason to be there. While he was there the AFJROTC color guard was preparing for the opening of the event and Mr. Kelley was trying to tell the cadets how to do their part as color guard! As I was told 1SG Rawlins one of the AFJROTC instructors gently asked MR. Kelley to stop. This is a total failure of our school administration, Mr. Kelley should not be anywhere near our children or cadets and I am outraged of why he was even at the event. I could understand him being there for awards if he had a senior that was receiving awards but his oldest child is a freshman. I am hoping someone can explain! I along with several parents are not going to just go away or let these issues go out the door. There are several issues that need to be addressed.

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