
From: Berg, Herbert M <Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
ent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 5:38 PM
To: Almond, Bonnie N; Orischak, Josephine A
Subject: Re: Newcomers Program?

Bonnie please cc all SB members when responding... herb

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From: Almond, Bonnie N
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 3:06:47 PM
To: Orischak, Josephine A
Cc: Berg, Herbert M
Subject: RE: Newcomers Program?

Hi Mrs. Orischak,

The Newcomer Program originated with Dr. Rhoads, Dr. Moss, and Charley Becker and this is the first year of implementation. My opinion is that there are several things that were not considered concerning building the program. Ms. Becker has resigned and was offered a position at HHIMS as a teacher. I, along with Alisa Rhoads who used to be a very successful Newcomer teacher at BLHS, Bethann Bethune, Melissa Murray and I are in the process of revamping the program so teachers and students are supported. We met with the teachers on the team at HEMMS and IA a couple of times already to include last week on Thursday. We are restructuring the program to include practices that allow for students to systematically have goals and a way to identify students (especially high school) that will be ready to enter the regular HS in January. We have identified instructional materials that should have been in place prior to starting school this year and making those purchases. The ESOL Coaches will be working with each teacher individually. I have observed the teachers and actually I think they have been doing a good job overall but we do have some more work to do. I plan to do an update for the board as we roll out our action goals. If we make big changes, of course we will share with board. In looking at our data inside and out as we put our action plan together I think we need to spend some more time realizing that with our numbers of English Learners in this district we have been operating at the minimum and need to provide more resources at the district level. I am extremely concerned about this group of gap students. They are a priority for us. Many of these students are smart and with the right support can show growth

with systematic interventions. If you have any suggestions or questions I am very open to having a conversation with you to hear your concerns. Thank you for contacting me. I will be glad to provide any information you need.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Almond

From: Orischak, Josephine A
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Berg, Herbert M <Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Almond, Bonnie N <Bonnie.Almond@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Newcomers Program?

Herb and Bonnie,

As we inherit many non-English speaking students from Honduras, what is the current status of our "Newcomers Program"?

I am hearing our Newcomers Program is defunct. Is this true?

Please advise.

JoAnn Orischak

Beaufort County Board of Education

District 11

Hilton Head Island

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From: Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2018 5:05 PM
To: joannorischak@hotmail.com
Subject: Fwd: HHI Schools' Rezoning

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From: "Dowling, John R" <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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Date: October 27, 2018 at 3:38:45 PM EDT
To: "Orischak, Josephine A" <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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Subject: Re: HHI Schools' Rezoning

I don't know how it could be made any clearer..... good job on this and your Motion that was passed by the Board for the Compromise Grandfathering.

John R. Dowling, Jr
District 6 Representative
Beaufort County BOE

From: Orischak, Josephine A <josephine.orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2018 12:57 PM

To: Gwozdz, Christina S; Dowling, John R; Dunkle, Joseph R; Striebinger, David R
Subject: Fwd: HHI Schools' Rezoning

All,

Please read bottom to top.

Let me know if you have questions.

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From: "Orischak, Josephine A" <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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Subject: Re: HHI Schools' Rezoning

Herb,

My apologies for this Saturday email exchange. As you know, district staff expects the Board to vote on the proposed rezoning plan in just 17 days, so I want to make certain I have all the information necessary to cast an informed vote. Thanks for clarifying in your first sentence. Your explanation makes sense to me.

It is important for you to understand recent history regarding the HHI attendance zone:

1) In 2014, when RRA and MRHS were under construction, new attendance zones were being proposed by district staff. District staff strongly endorsed the HHI attendance line

be drawn at the bridge, excluding Moss Creek, Buckingham Landing, and The Gatherings. The Board voted against staff's recommendation, and kept the three communities zoned for HHI. Mrs. Cordray lead the charge to keep these communities zoned for HHI. These three communities are part of Mrs. Cordray's voting district, and residents there were very vocal about their desire to stay zoned for HHI schools.

2) Fast forward to our last referendum. Dr. Moss and staff communicated to the Board that the crowding in our HHI schools was coming from THE ISLAND, and the only way to alleviate the crowding at HHIMS and HHHS was to draw the HHI attendance line at the back gate of HHI Plantation. This proposal would have bused students living on HHI into Bluffton schools. Once again, the Board quickly dismissed the superintendent's and staff's recommendation, and kept the HHI attendance zone as is, including the three over-the-bridge communities.

Based on this history, I have every reason to believe the Board could once again dismiss staff's current recommendation of drawing the HHI attendance line at the bridge. If it is in fact true that the student numbers are growing on HHI proper, then what sense would it make to include additional communities to the HHI zone going forward? The grandfathering compromise I set in motion (and the Board approved) is the district's only shot for finally drawing the attendance line at the bridge where it needs to be.

No need to respond, Herb. I wouldn't want to interrupt a day of football.

Go GAMECOCKS!

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On Oct 27, 2018, at 11:11 AM, Berg, Herbert M
<Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us> > wrote:

JoAnne: u r busy with school stuff this morning! We are deliberately being careful with decision release until we are sure of the final SB decision.. it is unlikely that things will change but if it should I don't want to have to back track and confuse already anxious parents. By the way grandfathering is a normal thing to do for a year ...12 years of it is not..the other issue is how it impacts those who have personal drivers and those who rely on our bus fleet..we are going up to Columbia this pm to see the USC football game...730 start so will be wee hours returning... I do appreciate your interest in this redistricting project... as you are learning everyone has a better idea.. our job is to see what is best for most not the most vocal.. Most parents trust us to do the right thing...and we will. HB

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From: Orischak, Josephine A
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2018 9:16:33 AM
To: Berg, Herbert M
Cc: O'nan, Elizabeth
Subject: HHI Schools' Rezoning

Herb,

I recently spoke with HHIHS Principal Amanda Williams O'Nan about the grandfathering of off-island students into HHI schools per the revised proposed 3-year rezoning plan. Additionally, I attended SIC meetings at HHI Elementary and HHI Middle school to hear parent feedback on this topic. I am not certain that all parents in the communities affected have been informed of the Board action recently taken on the grandfathering of Moss Creek, Buckingham Landing, and The Gatherings communities' students.

How does the district intend to communicate this change to principals and families affected by this Board adopted grandfathering?

Please advise.

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Subject: Re: We don't know, what we don't know.

~Jerry

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Subject:

Re: Hilton Head, SC Chamber of Commerce won't release receipts | Island Packet—schemed cover up and fraud to escape prison

Go for it! We're watching from Myrtle Beach ... and ready to pounce.

Tom Herron

"All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent." - Thomas Jefferson Tom Herron

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On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 11:07 AM Skip Hoagland <shoagland@me.com> wrote:

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> Following lawsuits to be filed and explored against the Town of Hilton Head and the Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber. Bill Miles/ Steve Riley/ David Tigges/ Ray Deal/ Paula Bethea and Corrupted Town Council members and crooks John McCann, Bill Harkins and Tom Lennox will all face criminal investigations.

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> Yes this Chamber non transparency on going issue, is as nasty and corrupt as it gets. Cover up/ fraud is an understatement.

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> Lawsuits/ FBI/ AG are the only answer now, and all these highly corrupted individuals understand or will react to ! We are dealing with many bad people, and local officials that are s crooked, corrupted, gutless and incompetent as you can get. It's really very sad our local swamp is so filthy. Mayor Bennett started out tough and has buckled under pressure from another fraudulent scheme with outside people to try and escape this full transparency of where and how this chamber spends millions of tax money secretly. They will not be allowed to escape. Here is why and read the links on laws below.

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> 1. Lawsuit against the Town of Hilton Head demanding they provide all Atax financials of the chamber, since in the Supreme Court we were told this is where we go to get this info, and now being refused.

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> 2.A lawsuit against the Town of Hilton Head by tax payers for unconstitutional misuse of public tax funds for private use to join the Town council, Town Lawyers, Town employees and Atax Committee to become members of the chamber using our tax money, not their own money. Also add a conflict, quid pro Quo. SC Supreme Court ruled -Use of public funds, for private use, not for the public good, use, benefit, purpose is illegal.

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> 3. A lawsuit against the Town of Hilton Head and the Chamber jointly claiming all tax payers in Beaufort county/ cities of Beaufort, Bluffton and Hilton Head are members since tax payers money was used? Claim all tax payers have rights under Foia and SC non profit corporation act

laws to access all chamber financials not just Atax access, since again public tax money was used. Again SC Supreme Court ruled you can't use public tax funds for private purpose.

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> 2. A request by an individual Town Council Member or General public tax payer members for total access to all chamber financials and same access as Chamber employees Bill Miles, Ray Deal and others have under the SC non profit corporation act laws, and if refused file a lawsuit to force compliance.

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> 3. A lawsuit has already been filed against the Town of Hilton Head to force the Town to put the city Dmo job(destination marketing organization) out for fair bids under SC procurement laws to others like ad agencies, local media, Town consider to run this Dmo in-house as a town job.

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> 4. File a lawsuit for a corrupted Dmo /Chamber contract and depose and do discovery on all involved. Marc Grant said when asked why was contract so bad he said scared of what we might find. Tom Lennox said the Chamber controlled the negotiations.

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> 5. A lawsuit against the Town of Hilton Head for allowing the current chamber / Dmo to unconstitutionally misuse our atax funds to go to Canada to develop an app and website with over a million dollars, the chamber owns not the Town and worse to up sell advertising to profit its pockets not benefit the public.

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