

From: Chauhan, Mark H
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 10:41 PM
To: Crosby, Tonya V <Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us
<mailto:Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >
Subject: Fwd: Technology Plan Outcomes (Second Attempt)

Begin forwarded message:

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<mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >
Date: September 25, 2018 at 10:12:32 AM EDT
To: "Robinson, Christine T" <Christine.Robinson@beaufort.k12.sc.us
<mailto:Christine.Robinson@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >
Cc: "joannorischak@hotmail.com <mailto:joannorischak@hotmail.com> "
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All,

Just circling back regarding my question below:

Question: Do you have a copy for review with the outcomes columns
filled in?

Thank you,

JoAnn Orischak

Beaufort County Board of Education

District 11

Hilton Head Island

C. (843) 338-1737

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Date: September 18, 2018 at 2:00:25 PM EDT
To: Christine.Robinson@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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Cc: joannorischak@hotmail.com
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<mailto:mark.chauhan@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Technology Plan Outcomes

Hi Chrissy,

I had the opportunity recently to watch the May 21, 2013 Board meeting where Dereck Rhoads, Ross Hendricks (previous head of Technology), and you presented on our BCSD technology plan. At this time, Dr. Jackie Rosswurm was serving as our interim superintendent, but Dr. Moss was present in the audience. According to Dr. Moss'

employment contract, Dr. Moss was at that time a paid consultant by the BCSD as he was transitioning into his role as superintendent.

During the May 21, 2013 meeting, the Board was asked to transfer \$417K from funds earmarked for iPad repairs to be used for iPad purchases instead. Chrissy and Ross delivered an excellent, comprehensive presentation on our rather significant iPad pilot launched by previous superintendent, Dr. Valerie Truesdale. Our then chairman, Bill Evans, asked how we might measure the success of our pilot program. You and Ross presented initial thoughts on how to best do that. I would encourage all to watch this portion of the meeting, as it provides background into the start of our technology expansion.

Attached is the BCSD 2016-2019 Technology Plan found on our BCSD website.

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http://beaufortschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_170841/File/BCS%20District/DEPARTMENTS/Instructional%20Services/Technology/BCSD%20Tech%20Plan%202016-2019.pdf

From: Striebinger, David R <David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
ent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 4:07 PM
To: Dowling, John R; Campbell, Melvin P
Cc: Robine, Cathy G; Orischak, JosephineA; Berg, Herbert M; BOE
Subject: Re: Construction Project Committee and North of Broad School Closure Projections.

agree with Mel Campbell... we are striving for unity and inclusiveness to keep the past divisiveness in the past.

david striebinger

Beaufort County Board of Education

District 2 representative

From: Dowling, John R
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 2:53:32 PM
To: Campbell, Melvin P
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JOHN DOWLING
DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE
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To: Dowling, John R
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John,

As a neophyte to this level of organization and it's sophistication.

John,

I know very little of the organizational make of our district. I am sorry but I thought the superintendent is the administrator of initiatives sanctioned by the board. I thought that he is executing for the Board, which allows us the privilege of oversight. Forgive me for trying to ensure that all the (players) have a say in building a passable referendum. Ignoring voices of discontent is ,in my experiences, a prescription for revolt or rebellion.

When I campaigned ,one of my platform position was to restore public trust in our School Board. My comments very much supported that sentiment. I apologized if I misrepresented the Board's position.

Mel

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Well, I guess I'VE been told!!!!!!!!!!

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DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE
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Cc: "Berg, Herbert M" <Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us
<mailto:Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >, "Cartledge, Wendy B"
<Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >
Subject: Re: Data fromDr Berg

John, I couldn't help but notice your exchange w/ David. Your Shakespearean reference "doth protest too much" means you are calling David a liar. Your devisive attacks are a detriment to a well-functioning board that serves the public good.

Christina Gwozdz, M.D.

Chair, Beaufort Co. Board of Education

District 9 Representative

Bluffton/Pritchardville/Daufuskie Island

C. 843-636-8555

From: Dowling, John R
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:58:07 PM
To: Striebinger, David R; BOEOnly
Cc: Berg, Herbert M; Cartledge, Wendy B
Subject: Re: Data fromDr Berg

"You doth protest too much" about this whole affair. I am finished discussing it.

John R. Dowling, Jr
District 6 Representative
Beaufort County BOE
843-290-8068

From: Striebinger, David R <david.striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us
<mailto:david.striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Dowling, John R; BOEOnly
Cc: Berg, Herbert M; Cartledge, Wendy B
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that's not going to work John

david striebinger

Beaufort County Board of Education

District 2 representative

From: Dowling, John R
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:22:41 PM
To: Striebinger, David R; BOEOnly
Cc: Berg, Herbert M; Cartledge, Wendy B
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There is no need to be so defensive. Six of our colleagues were not in Office when this problem broke, and they need to know the relevant backstory, or at least this facet of it.

I did not say that you knew about it. I implied that, given the lack of concern shown by the Old Board about Mr Campbell's having withheld it from the Board, there maybe reason to suspect that he might have told somebody. If you say you didn't know, then you didn't know, and you don't have to show umbrage about an accusation that I didn't make.

See you Wednesday at Operations Committee.

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From: Striebinger, David R <david.striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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I am really tired of you John... I had never seen the MOA and Mr. Campbell has already confirmed that he did not share it with anyone. To say it " It is not known if Dr Moss or Chairman Campbell had shared the existence of the MOA with either other members of the Board or with its Officers, Ms Kinton or Mr Striebinger" is more false innuendo from you for some reason only you know.

What is it you are trying to accomplish with this low level aggression?

david striebinger

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ALL: As an adjunct to the package the Dr Berg sent us this afternoon, I would like to make sure it is understood by all that the Memorandum of Agreement with the State Dept of Education, signed by Chairman Campbell on 30 January 2018, was never revealed to the Board. This was even though the Board was required to fulfill certain obligations arising from the MOA.

The first that the Board knew of it was December 18, 2018, when the Closure was first discussed by the Board and Dr Berg. It is not known if Dr Moss or Chairman Campbell had shared the existence of the MOA with either other members of the Board or with its Officers, Ms Kinton or Mr Striebinger. The fact is clear, however, that the existence of the

Memorandum of Understanding was never brought to the Board until eleven months after it was signed.

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