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You could also say that P-Card usage is out of control..the last transaction of public record to B of A was made as follows:

TXN00241073 02/25/2019 02/25/2019 (4,563,461.40) 0.00
0.00 PAYMENT THANK YOU

That's 4.5M+ for one month.

As a means of comparison, Beaufort County had charges of \$1,064,368 for the year of 2018.

But, don't forget, the District did get a "beautiful" warehouse last year by using the rewards program of B of A and it only cost \$1,161,298. This was a total rip-off. The price was inflated and should be investigated since the Board was presented with a much lower cost before it was built.

fran

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 12:43:34 PM EDT, jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

If memory serves, the P-card usage was the brain child of former superintendent Jeff Moss, and as such should be dismantled at once.

It would seem to me that a business as large as the BCSD would have established contracts with pre-selected vendors and pre approved price structures for just about any product or service.. A system insuring the lowest prices with minimal risk of employee misuse of funds. This P-card system must be an administrative nightmare.

All of this further supports the need for our board to continue the search for a seasoned candidate to replace Dr. Berg. This is no arena for a trainee.

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On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 11:45:40 AM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

Yes, I agree. While this is a huge amount of money being charged/spent - counting on Bank of America to catch account errors -

seems to be a hap-hazard way of
checks and balances.

It's amazing to me that a smart citizen can visually scan and discover financial mistakes- while in-house employees overlook them. What's wrong with this situation and how long has this been going on.

Board Member oversight needs to be
overhauled on this. Old habits need correcting.

If it's easy to get away with money non scrutiny -someone will take advantage of this- that's for sure. This new school board has many oversight challenges to solve. Probably more than any of them realized.

Lyn

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Speaking of checks and balances, on March 29th, I sent the following message to Tonya Crosby:

Please explain the following charges listed under Maintenance February Billing Statement. These charges appear on the February Transparency Report as being charged to the District Office-General Fund.

5533 TXN00241012 02/25/2019 02/24/2019 \$21.95 PAYPAL
GRRMX LLC

BLACKGOLDIM

5533 TXN00241064 02/25/2019 02/24/2019 \$35.98 PAYPAL

KRANKYS NET

5533 TXN00240956 02/25/2019 02/24/2019 \$25.60 PAYPAL

SPEAKEASYMO

8999 TXN00240981 02/25/2019 02/24/2019 \$28.95 PAYPAL

LKQ ONLINE

5533 TXN00240313 02/15/2019 02/14/2019 \$109.24 PAYPAL

The explanations are vague, but I'm sure you will be able to clarify further.

thank you

Ms. Crosby replied that these were all "erroneous" charges even though they did not appear at the end of the report as "fraudulent". One needs to ask how they were approved by a bookkeeper in the first place and were the goods delivered to someone in the District?

Ms. Crosby has been quoted as saying that hackers are getting more sophisticated. Why would a sophisticated hacker waste his time on these petty items? If the District is aware of these hackers, why have 50+ cards available throughout the county waiting to be hacked?

In my opinion, these are inside purchases that are allowed to be made with no consequence. The feeling must be, since the Bank of America covers whatever the District claims to be "erroneous", why bother to investigate.

There needs to be a change in the B of A credit card procedures. One card and one person is all that is needed to oversee these purchases. Whenever a purchase is made, it would go through this one step with great scrutiny. As the District's Bookkeeper Manual states: K.I.S.S.(Keep it Simple, Stupid!).

I found the above suspicious charges after a quick look at the February reports. How many other charges have been overlooked? In February alone there were almost 500 Amazon purchases. How many of these were purchased fraudulently? How many were frivolous purchases that wouldn't have been made if a credit card weren't handy? Would a lot of these purchases not have been made if the transaction had to go through the one person in charge?

Let us hope the 'new board' employs the level of fiscal oversight the taxpayers deserve, and not leave the oversight to private citizens. That also includes doing a thorough review of the budget before it is approved. Let's put an end to the Moss era of trust but not verify.

fran

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Yes, the financial checks and balances regarding business expenses reimbursement were sorely lacking as evidenced by this State Ethics Commission review now taking place.

The previous Moss Majority school board members were grossly unqualified to supervise their only employee and he took advantage of that situation.

Lyn

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PS. On another note - not surprised

by another ethics violation filed against former Supt for reimbursed expenses. Egregious? Another slap on the wrist? What exactly can they

Impose on him now?

Don't have much faith in the SC ethics reviews, especially dealing with violations in the public education sector.

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This article doesn't really tell the public much regarding the
two supt

finalists. I'm sure more info will be forthcoming.

I have been told that Dr. Berg was an interim Supt in Lexington
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so if either of these candidates don't meet finalist public
interview exposure expectations or should withdraw leaving the board with a decision forced
on them that is not unanimously supported - I would hope Dr. Berg would stay on for another
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