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Keep up the good work!!

These new school board members

May have to learn a tough lesson

in school finances if a forensic audit is not done before they ask the voters to approve an enormous financial referendum.

Community confidence needs to be restored and they cannot count on a

new Supt to do this in such a short time without some positive oversight action coming from the school board so that he can relate that to the citizens the corrections that are being made to bring financial accountability back into the school district,

Regards,

Lyn

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2019, at 10:48 AM, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com
mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> > wrote:

How's this for a blast from the past. I wrote this to the whole board on Dec 9, 2017 at 1:29 PM:

"What I find extremely interesting and troubling is:

* Firing auditing firm Greene, Finney & Horton, which had given the district a clean audit report in January, and Compass Municipal Advisors, the financial firm that has Thomas' brother-in-law as a partner.

The fact that Compass, a firm that Moss and Crosby put a lot of trust in has been fired, is just another reason for a complete independent audit. "

The board didn't listen then..will they now?

fran

On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10:10:42 AM EDT, Dowling, John R <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us> > wrote:

Jerry,

I don't think the idea of Oversight has really registered with some of the Board Members as of yet. If you listen to our public conversations, you will hear some of the newer members say things such as "We must Trust our Superintendent", or "They are the Professionals" or in the case of a 25 year veteran of the Board "Don't tie the Superintendent's hands". There's a big difference between an Advisory Council and a Governing Body.

I've heard this before, in the Moss era. I don't know, but I suspect, that you might have heard similar sentiments in Berkley County.

Trust but verify. Challenge every assumption. Ask why?
Questions are not accusations.

You are well represented.

JOHN DOWLING
DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE
BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

Sent from my iPad

On May 18, 2019, at 9:27 AM, jerry at the beach
<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

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Let's connect the dots. How much of this sounds familiar?

The Berkeley CFO was under FBI investigation, just as Moss was/is.

Rebate checks,... P-Cards come to mind.

Overpaid for some construction projects,... hence the current FBI investigation.

Unnecessary and extravagant junkets,... in our case unidentified travel expenses on Transparency Reports.

And what a coincidence; Our school district has relied heavily on Heizer and Nurick for years as our bond counsel and advisor,... just as Berkeley did.

But wait, there's more!

School district audit finds more P-Card problems - The

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School district audit finds more P-Card problems

Thank you JoAnn for bringing this important information to the surface. Where is our Firewall against fraud?

When will our 'new board's' fiduciary duties kick in?

Before any more talk of another referendum, our board should be talking about an Audit.

Rest assured, the 'old electorate' will not grant the 'new board' any more money until completion of a procurement audit of the school district's funds, including a random audit of the district's P-Cards demonstrating current school dollars are being spent wisely, legally with complete transparency.

At the very least I agree with the Representative from Dist. 6 urging [reconsidering] doing business with Heizer and Nurick until there's a resolution to the allegations.

Once again I am proud to be able to sign off as,

G.A. Smith
Well represented in Dist. 11.

~Jerry

On Friday, May 17, 2019, 4:27:10 PM EDT, Rick Caporale
<rpc1@hargray.com <mailto:rpc1@hargray.com> > wrote:

John:

You might want to consider keeping them at arm's length with regard to any potential referendum.

However, in fairness to everyone, I have to admit I have always had a great deal of faith and trust in Frannie Heizer,