

> I'm pretty sure she got a standing "O" for her not so clever analogy that depicted a chicken sandwich to represent what it would cost to do her voodoo economics. Just more smoke and mirrors to cover up a huge gaffe, oops, and placate the heeple...an insult to voter intelligence at its finest!! How about coming up with a plan for a realistic budget instead?

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> Time to end good ol' boy politics and deal with the huge problems that threaten the students in this district. Huge amounts of money are being wasted by this bloated budget that could be going to solve the achievement gap, not fatten the wallets of the unethical...where's the FBI when you need them..stay tuned.

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> fran

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> On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10:05:35 PM EDT, Marilyn

Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com>

<mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com>> wrote:

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> OMG - what a mess! The CFO got

> got applause because of announcing the District is on the verge of insolvency? This is nuts for sure. The referendum has nothing to do with operating funds. It's for construction and major repairs.

> WOW, even though I can't believe it,

> I do believe it.

> Thanks for that info Mike. A lot to absorb here.

> Lyn

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On May 18, 2019, at 9:11 PM, Mike Gleason

<gleasonmj@gmail.com <mailto:gleasonmj@gmail.com> <mailto:gleasonmj@gmail.com>> wrote:

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> That was in January, all fluffy with campaign promises and unicorns. I supported it and spent a lot of time doing needs assessments traveling around the

County. Little did anyone know the deep dark staff secret of a huge \$7.7 million hit to reserves which leaves insolvency a reality. We are borrowing money to meet payroll and so called budgeted needs. We use questionable sources to provide the certain debt. If any of our family members were on such a downward spiral caring family members would hold an intervention

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> The current Board did not create this mess, for sure. They barely recently discovered it when the staff let the bad news cat they've known about out of the bag. And the CFO got applause! Congrats! You just bought the largest operations tax increase in County history. I was glad to hear about the 8-2 vote to take action against the County to recover the deficit in an attempt to determine accountability. Who's handling that? Lame Duck Dr. Berg wasn't there when that happened. Accountability needs to happen, but could only happen in a court room. It'll take years.

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> Meanwhile, keep borrowing money to keep the ship afloat. We can add up the damages later, maybe. Real leaders find ways to cut losses and the largest target is personnel and benefits. Real Leaders know where to extract it without a gap to serving students. So far, no furloughs of headquarters staff are on the table. More money will be paid to a new Superintendent to relocate. It's easy to spend money. Real leaders determine how to stop the bleeding before they ask for more money.

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> The future of the mission to educate students responsibly hangs in the balance. Thank you for your service Board members. Time to hunker down.

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> With great respect,

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> Mike Gleason

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> On Sat, May 18, 2019 at 8:02 PM jerry at the beach

<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>

<mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>> wrote:

> Beaufort County school board lays groundwork for

November 2019

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> Beaufort County school board lays groundwork for  
November 2019 referendum  
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> The Beaufort County, South Carolina school board voted to  
allow interim superintendent Herb Berg to start planni...  
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> Sorry Dr. Berg,  
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> When you stated; the most common characteristic of a  
successful referendum is unanimous support from the board,... you missed the most  
important ingredient.  
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> The most common characteristic of a successful referendum  
Dr. Berg, is unanimous support from the ELECTORATE. Until an in depth forensic audit of our  
school district has been completed, and proof that taxpayer dollars are being carefully spent  
with diligent board oversight...there will be no new money.  
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> G.A. Smith  
> Well represented in Dist. 11.  
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> On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 1:58:45 PM EDT, fran bisi  
<eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com>>  
wrote:  
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> Until trust is regained by getting rid of Compass and the  
former McNair (who conveniently now has a new name), there will be no support for a  
referendum by any thoughtful voter.  
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> BTW: how can the board vote on a budget when they have  
no information as to the efficacy of the myriad licensed programs on which the district  
currently spends million of dollars?  
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> Or to put it another way, where is Bonnie Almond? She is  
MIA just when she's needed the most!!  
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>  
> fran bisi

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> On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 12:38:23 PM EDT, jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>> wrote:

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> Thank you for an excellent and thoughtful post Lyn,

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> I could not agree more on your compliments to Fran and Richard.

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> Regarding:

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> 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.

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> May I request you send the above to all our school board members? I agree...they still don't get it. Our 'New Board' needs to understand; the victims of the boards lack of fiscal oversight and managerial responsibilities are and will continue to be...the students.

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> Jerry

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> On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 12:00:14 PM EDT, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> <mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com>> wrote:

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> Fran: you and Richard are the best informed citizens when it comes to this school districts operation.

> 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.

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> Community confidence needs to be restored and they cannot  
> new Supt to do this in such a short time without some  
> 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  
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> Sent from my iPhone  
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> On May 18, 2019, at 10:48 AM, fran bisi

<eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com>>  
wrote:

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

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> "What I find extremely interesting and troubling is:  
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> \* 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.

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> 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. "

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> The board didn't listen then..will they now?  
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> fran  
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> 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>  
<mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>> wrote:

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> Jerry,



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> 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.

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

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

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> You are well represented.

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> JOHN DOWLING  
> DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE  
> BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

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> Sent from my iPad

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

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

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> But wait, there's more!

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> School district audit finds more P-Card problems - The Colletonian<[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fthecolletonian.com%2fschool-district-audit-finds-p-card-problems%2f%3ffbcid%3dlwAR21MyW5Plm8NM5HzeIMFWcSfeFzxXZNZIIV9yCXG\\_-9NbrfW9LBLC0uGlc&c=E,1,gdE9UQY643JGfTGB2gZiqUKCxo1PDlkEtkKN7KaQG6hfIMSj9aa93UcslO5uG9\\_\\_fF3C6OxWn8\\_MWwLxl1iu\\_TGLQ3cgV1eDculrjfnspnq&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fthecolletonian.com%2fschool-district-audit-finds-p-card-problems%2f%3ffbcid%3dlwAR21MyW5Plm8NM5HzeIMFWcSfeFzxXZNZIIV9yCXG_-9NbrfW9LBLC0uGlc&c=E,1,gdE9UQY643JGfTGB2gZiqUKCxo1PDlkEtkKN7KaQG6hfIMSj9aa93UcslO5uG9__fF3C6OxWn8_MWwLxl1iu_TGLQ3cgV1eDculrjfnspnq&typo=1)>

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> School district audit finds more P-Card problems - The

Colletonian

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> School district audit finds more P-Card problems

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> 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?

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

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> 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.

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> 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.

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

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> G.A. Smith  
> Well represented in Dist. 11.  
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> ~Jerry  
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> On Friday, May 17, 2019, 4:27:10 PM EDT, Rick Caporale  
<rpc1@hargray.com <mailto:rpc1@hargray.com> <mailto:rpc1@hargray.com>> wrote:  
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> John:  
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> You might want to consider keeping them at arm's length  
with regard to any potential referendum.  
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> However, in fairness to everyone, I have to admit I have  
always had a great deal of faith and trust in Frannie Heizer,  
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> My only problem with that company is David Tigges. I  
wouldn't do business with him personally on a bet.  
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> Rick  
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> From: Dowling, John R <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us  
<mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us> <mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>>  
> Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 2:55 PM



> To: Orischak, Josephine A

<Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
<mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>>

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> This is a serious cloud hanging over their heads. Should we  
reconsider doing business with them until there's a resolution to the allegations?

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> JOHN DOWLING

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> DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE

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> BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

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> Sent from my iPad

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> On May 17, 2019, at 2:46 PM, Orischak, Josephine A

<Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
<mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>> wrote:

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> All,

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> I recently shared the below information with our Board. As you know, Berkeley County School District's CFO (Brantley Thomas) was recently imprisoned for embezzlement, fraud, etc. The Berkeley County School Board is suing a number of folks on the periphery, such as:

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- > - Their auditing firm, Greene, Finney, & Horton LLP
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- > - Their bond counsel and advisor, Frannie Heizer and Brian

Nurick

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- > I am attaching the complaint against Heizer, Nurick, and

others for your review. Basically, the complaint asserts the imprisoned CFO could not have succeeded with such an intricate web of deception and fraud without the aiding and abetting of Heizer, Nurick and some others. The law firm representing the Berkeley County School



Board is Smyth Whitley LLC. Lawyer, Joshua Whitley serves on the Berkeley County Council and is the Council's Finance Committee Chairman.

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> Feedback welcomed after you read the attached complaint.  
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> JoAnn Orischak  
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> Beaufort County Board of Education  
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> District 11 (29928)  
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