Orischak, Josephine A < Josephine. Orischak @beaufort.k12.sc.us>

ent:

Monday, June 17, 2019 9:21 AM

To:

Smith, William C

Cc:

Gwozdz, Christina S; Robine, Cathy G; Berg, Herbert M; Cartledge, Wendy B; BOEOnly

Subject:

Re: FBI Board Update

William,

Thank you for responding. If the local newspaper knows the investigation is "ongoing", then certainly the BoE should be equally informed.

I will give the officers the benefit of the doubt that this topic will be added to tomorrow's meeting as a board update. If this matter is not added, then I will ask at our meeting tomorrow WHY it was not added.

Thank you,

JoAnn Orischak
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On Jun 16, 2019, at 5:36 PM, Smith, William C < William. Smith 2@beaufort.k12.sc.us < mailto: William. Smith 2@beaufort.k12.sc.us > > wrote:

Duly noted

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Monday, June 17, 2019 12:43 PM

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dowlingjohn287@gmail.com

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I didn't mean to leave David Striebinger off the list of those who communicate with the newspaper. He deserves the credit along with Tina and John.

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All,

Please read the attached article. According to the June 7, 2018 board meeting minutes, Anthony Pernice was announced as retired. I've asked Alice and Herb to answer the following question:

Question: Why was Anthony Pernice announced at our last board meeting among retirees, when he'd already been announced retired the year prior?

I am passing this along to you as an FYI, because most of you were not on the board yet. If it were not for John's and Tina's support in making the subpoenas public and communicating with the newspaper, the public would have been left in the dark.

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three Beaufort County Board of Education members.

https://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article201638459.html

3rd Beaufort County School District employee subpoenaed in FBI investigation

February 22, 2018 05:30 PM, Updated February 22, 2018 06:31 PM

Two Beaufort County School District employees were served subpoenas in early January for an FBI investigation. School board members learned of the subpoenas Jan.16. Here's the timeline of events. By Ashley Jean Reese

A third Beaufort County School District employee has been served a federal subpoena in response to an ongoing FBI investigation https://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article198290884.html related to the construction of two Bluffton schools https://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article33533451.html , according to

Board members learned of the federal subpoena, which they said was served to district project manager Anthony Pernice, at the tail end of a closed-door session of Tuesday's light school board meeting, according to board members John Dowling, David Striebinger and Christina Gwozdz.

Board members weren't told when federal authorities served the subpoena to Pernice nor were they told if the subpoena requested records or asked Pernice to testify to a federal grand jury.

Dowling requested to view the subpoena and was told by school district attorney Drew Davis in an email, "I do not possess it."

School district officials would not confirm a third subpoena was served and, instead, issued an emailed statement late Thursday that also does not deny a third subpoena's existence.

"Senior district administration has seen only two subpoenas issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office and has responded fully to both," district spokesman Jim Foster wrote in an email. "The district has not provided any records or documents in response to a third subpoena."

The statement continued: "We won't reveal the details of discussions that occur during executive session, but we can say that a third subpoena was not provided to Board members or shown to Board members using a projector. There was no discussion or back-and-forth among Board members."

Pernice works in the district's facilities department https://beaufortschools.ss10.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalld=170925&pageId=285 973> , which is headed by facilities, planning and construction officer Robert Oetting.

Oetting and chief financial officer Tonya Crosby were served federal subpoenas sometime in early January for documents related to the building of May River High School and River Ridge Academy, the district's procurement process and the architect used in both projects — the only two schools built during superintendent Jeff Moss' tenure so far.

The architect, North Carolina-based Hite Associates, had previously worked with Moss on at least one project when he was superintendent in two North Carolina school districts. The Bluffton projects marked the firm's first time working for a South Carolina school district, according to previous reporting by The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette https://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/article33547422.html.

On Jan. 16, board members learned of the subpoenas in a closed-door meeting that five of the 11 board members described as one in which threats were lodged against them if they disclosed the subpoenas to the public https://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article200480229.html . Davis and other board members deny this.

Dowling forced the issue by publicly disclosing the federal subpoenas at a Feb. 3 work session, prompting the board officers to issue a written statement.

"The District has been assured that it is not the target of the investigation, and is only being asked to produce information at this time," the statement read.

The district turned over documents to the FBI on Feb. 5, according to an email from Moss to board members.

Last week, the board held a special-called meeting that resulted in the board officers denying multiple Freedom of Information Act requests for copies of the subpoenas https://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article200630294.html#navlink=SecListon, a decision they said was made to protect the integrity of the investigation.

Open-records experts, however, say the public has a right to see the subpoenas, especially in light of the \$76 million bond referendum in April that would, in part, fund the expansion of the two schools referenced in the subpoenas.

The only topic listed on the meeting agenda to go into executive session Tuesday was "discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements for audit of BCSD procurement card purchases," which does not appear to be remotely related to the FBI investigation — a violation of FOIA.

"We were all heading for the door," Striebinger said. "It was one of those, 'Oh, by the way,' things."

Asked for a response to the appropriateness of the closed-door meeting that touched on a topic not voted on in public session, Foster instead issued the emailed statement, which did not include an answer to the question.

https://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/frqa9e/picture201638454/alternates/free_768/MayRiverRendering

A rendering of May River	High School that is one of two Bluffton schools related
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Cc: Gwozdz, Christina S; Robine, Cathy G; Smith, William C; Berg, Herbert M; Cartledge, Wendy

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Subject: Re: FBI Board Update

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Herb,	
Yes, strange.	
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JoAnn Orischak Beaufort County Board of District 11 Hilton Head Island C. (843) 338-1737	Education
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From: Orischak, Josephine A

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 4:06:35 PM

To: Berg, Herbert M Subject: Re: Request

The reasons for employee departures (resigned, terminated, retired) have been habitually redacted in response to IP/BG FOIA requests and posted to our website.

Jou'd have to ask Jennifer Staton or Drew Davis....

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What why was it redacted in the first place?

From: Orischak, Josephine A

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 2:34:45 PM To: Walton, Alice W; Berg, Herbert M

Cc: Staton, Jennifer A Subject: Request

Alice and Herb,

I would like to review the unredacted version of the attached document tomorrow evening. This document is located on our BCSD website per a FOIA request from the IP/BG lag year.

Thank you,

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http://beaufortschools.net/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=15801457

Berg, Herbert M < Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

ent:

Thursday, June 20, 2019 8:12 AM

To: Cc: Orischak, Josephine A BOEOnly; Frank Rodriguez

Subject:

Re: FBI inquiry

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From: Orischak, Josephine A

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 8:09:00 AM

To: Berg, Herbert M

Cc: BOEOnly; Frank Rodriguez

Subject: Re: FBI inquiry

Thanks, Herb. Sandy Amsler was our previous head of Procurement. It is my understanding that Sandy was replaced by Kaylee Yinger, who was already in our Procurement Dept.

"Il look forward to hearing an update from John Simmons. If any more visits/interviews took place by the FBI, our board, Finance Committee, and Operations Committee should be apprised. The Finance Committee will be reviewing aspects of Procurement today at our meeting. If the FBI continues its probe into BCSD affairs a half year (or more) after Dr. Moss left, then there may be other individuals and/or areas of interest. (?)

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Friends: Responding to the FBI question over the weekend; I've talked with John Simmons, the attorney, the Board met with on Aug 3 (which was my 3rd day). He is a former Federal Prosecutor. I have asked him to approach the Assistant US attorney (Rhett Dehart) and inquire as to the status of their investigation, he assured me he would. When he responds, I will get back with you. We, the District responded with subpoenaed documents on Sept 11, 2018 You have that subpoena. That was our last FBI contact. A retired employee (Ms. Amsler) did meet them in Jan or February....we have no information on that meeting. The US attorney works on their own calendar in a very methodical and thorough manner. I will let you know more when I know. Herb

Orischak, Josephine A < Josephine. Orischak @beaufort.k12.sc.us>

ent:

Friday, June 21, 2019 10:05 AM

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BOEOnly; Crosby, Tonya V; Berg, Herbert M; Robinson, Christine T

Subject:

Fw: Technology Plan Outcomes (Original Request 2018)

Attachments:

BCSD Tech Plan 2016-2019.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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From: Orischak, Josephine A

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 2:00:28 PM

To: Robinson, Christine T

Cc: joannorischak@hotmail.com; Berg, Herbert M; Chauhan, Mark H

Subject: Technology Plan Outcomes

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

Fidrych, Patricia < Patricia. Fidrych@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

ent:

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To:

Orischak, Josephine A

Cc:

Robine, Cathy G; Campbell, Melvin P

Subject:

RE: Technology Plan Outcomes (Original Request 2018)

Dear JoAnn,

I appreciate you forwarding the email from 2018; the history is so important.

Your question about outcomes is what the AC was referring to when we recommended that the Instructional Tech Dept present a self-evaluation using the tool contained within the BCSD Tech Plan (see excerpt below from e-mail sent yesterday). Ms. Robinson shared with us that there has not been a self-evaluation conducted per the Tech Plan to date. We recommended that her staff do so and present that along with additional pertinent information to the BOE.

Would appreciate any more insight/thoughts you might have about this.

Sincerely,

Tricia

"The Academic Committee recommended that the BCSD Technology Department conducts a self-evaluation using the measurement tool contained within the BCSD Technology Plan. And, that the Technology Department present that self-evaluation, along with student usage of instructional software, and costs, and any other pertinent information to the BCSD BOE. "

From: Orischak, Josephine A

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2019 10:05 AM

To: BOEOnly <BOEOnly@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Crosby, Tonya V <Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Berg, Herbert M <Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Robinson, Christine T <Christine.Robinson@beaufort.k12.sc.us> Subject: Fw: Technology Plan Outcomes (Original Request 2018)

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Sent:

Friday, June 21, 2019 11:45 AM

To:

Fidrych, Patricia

Subject:

Fw: Technology Plan Outcomes (Reply Requested)

John's point below is a valid one. I am not confident that our tech department will be able to objectively audit itself. Please remember that part of the FBI investigation involved Moss' involvement with many EdTech companies and ERDI. Also, remember what Tonya and Herb relayed at our little meeting at ACE that day about the tech dept's ability to report on the outcomes of the tech plan. Tonya said very clearly that there was too much for them to analyze, and that is why the audit was proposed.

I'd like to see an audit of our technology for this very reason.

The FBI was also looking at our Procurement adherence. The board will receive a recommendation for an audit per our P-Card controls/compliance at the July board meeting per our Finance meeting yesterday.

I am sharing my thoughts with you now, because I'll be in NC for Tuesday's board meeting and may not be able to participate.

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