
From: Dowling, John R <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 8:20 PM
To: Rick Caporale
Subject: Re: Results Meeting July 3

Scout's honor.....

JOHN DOWLING
DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE
BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 22, 2019, at 4:47 PM, Rick Caporale <rpc1@hargray.com <mailto:rpc1@hargray.com> > wrote:

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Thanks for sending this. You're the best! But I, unfortunately, have neither the character nor the commitment to listen to those folks for

1 hour 15 minutes and 18 seconds looking for a clue to their intent and their character!!

In other words, I will take you word for it!!!

Rick

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<mailto:John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >
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To: rpc1@hargray.com <mailto:rpc1@hargray.com>
Subject: Fwd: Results Meeting July 3

Video of July 3rd Results Committee meeting. I haven't seen it, so I don't know how the Audio is.

When the Colonel makes his declaration, he ends with a Nixonian "maybe that would be good", when he saw me glaring at him. Remember Nixon, "we could call off the FBI , but that would be wrong".

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mercado, Amelia B" <Amelia.Mercado@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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Date: July 22, 2019 at 10:23:45 AM EDT
To: "Dowling, John R" <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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Hi John,
Click on the link below to access the video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UX-3Ec6F_j4

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 9:02 AM

To: Mercado, Amelia B <Amelia.Mercado@beaufort.k12.sc.us

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Subject: Results Meeting July 3

Good morning,

Could I get the audio and the video of the July 3 Meeting of Striebinger's Results Committee?

Thanks,

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Yes, our new board is exponentially better-mannered, well-intentioned, and independent thinkers. I can appreciate your frustration, but know that we are better off now than we were eight months ago.

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I'm still waiting for info responses of my own. For example, the breakdown of MCIP funds gifted to TCL in exchange for student services.

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Fran went on to say and I agree, having no monthly limits for each of the 44 B of A credit cards is not a sound financial procedure, especially when it results in Amazon purchases of over \$70,000.00 each month.

Ms. Bisi asked a couple of very reasonable and pertinent question regarding how taxpayer dollars are being spent, overseen and by whom. i.e. integrity and transparency. Requesting transparency and reporting of how public funds are being spent is in no way micro-managing. Isn't the FBI still in town?

Here we are two days later, and board leadership STILL has not responded. Is this information posted on a web site Ms. Bisi and I am unaware of? Why is the public's business not being made public? Is our "new board leadership" following in the footsteps of the unsatisfactory representatives they replaced, keeping rank and file elected representatives out of the loop? If so, by extension, they are keeping the electorate also out of the loop. We don't know, what we don't know.

G.A. Smith

Feeling disenfranchised by board leadership.