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It's unfortunate that one needs to go through an elaborate, time wasting procedure to get a straight answer and that the finance committee has to take on the task of getting information when it is readily available..very disrespectful.

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Thank you Mel and JoAnn for chiming in giving different perspectives to the discussion. That sort of transparency is laudable and is apparently lost on many of your colleagues.

We may be fast approaching the point where the need for funding academic prescriptive measures collides with the need for fiscal responsibility. As it stands now, we are exhausting all past years tax rate cap "savings" and using them this fiscal year. That means that the District will need to abide by the annual increase cap imposed by Act 388 in all future years. As is typical, State imposed unfunded mandates will diminish new spending within the cap.

I have not seen any movement to change the annual tax rate cap. It isn't likely to change as every other district has learned to live within the limits since 2017. It's obviously time to knock off \$14 million in short term borrowed deficit spending. It will further constrain new spending in the future. A balanced budget is required by State law and the days arriving at continuous deficits will could result in state or court ordered remediation. Thank you for listening.

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It's unfortunate that one needs to go through an elaborate, time wasting procedure to get a straight answer and that the finance committee has to take on the task of getting information when it is readily available..very disrespectful.

Maintenance/GCA supplies questions have nothing to do with transparency reports.

fran

On Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 09:49:51 AM EDT, Orischak, Josephine A
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wrote:

All,

As soon as Transparency Report appears on a board meeting agenda, I will raise all P-Card questions submitted. Sorry for the delay folks, but Transparency Report has not been placed on recent agendas.

There is value in raising these questions at a Board meeting, so the rest of the public may hear responses. Thank you, Fran, for copying district staff on these questions, so there won't be any surprises when these same questions arise at a meeting.

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Hi Fran,

Unless Dr. Rodriguez or his representative responded to your questions privately, it would appear you have been placed on ignore. Here is what I do when seeking information regarding our school district or board. I contact my representative JoAnn Orischak, who always responds. Why not contact your elected representative? By the way, just so I know, who is your elected representative?

~Jerry

On Monday, August 12, 2019, 2:03:27 PM EDT, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> > wrote:

At least we know where the public stands in regard to the school district..nowhere. Someone changed the organizational in a disrespectful way. If the superintendent is aware of this, you have to wonder if he agrees. His former district's chart puts the public at the top in the same manner that BCSD was until very recently.

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Given the fact that the district has a \$14M shortfall and desperately needs this \$350M by the fall you need to wonder why this change was made.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being wasted monthly on frivolous Amazon purchases, maintenance materials and supplies that GCA should be paying for and travel to conferences that show little value. Yet, the chair does nothing to stem the flow of dollars and keep the public informed; in fact, she and her co-chair do the opposite. They withhold public information under the guise of attorney/client privilege and blindly accept any information given to them by the CFO.

fran bisi

On Monday, August 12, 2019, 12:56:50 PM EDT, jerry at the beach
<gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com <mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

Hi Fran,

The policy of ignoring the public's-inquiries is not a new policy. It is a carryover from the previous board, the majority of which were fired by the electorate last November. Apparently the message from the public is still not getting thru to our newly elected board leadership of two. I guess another failed referendum may get their attention,...but I doubt it.

Meanwhile dollars keep flowing out of the public coffers with little or no over-site, and the ongoing lack of transparency is another carryover from the previous board. I am beginning to miss Jeff Moss.

~Jerry

On Monday, August 12, 2019, 9:55:31 AM EDT, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> > wrote:

I made an inquiry on July 15 to the finance department about the district's use of a Lowes credit card. I gave examples of how the charges appear on the monthly transparency report. That is to say, there is no transparency. The CFO provided information only to the board by citing the oversight provided by various employees. She neglected to address the fact that none of these entries show what was purchased. All of the money used to pay Lowes comes from the General Fund. Did the board ever authorize the district to have this card on file with Lowes? No physical card is needed. A maintenance employee only needs to walk in with a purchase order. There is no monthly credit limit as far as I know.

I have an additional question. Why is the district paying for these and many other maintenance supplies when the contract with GCA/ABM reads:

This contract is made on the 1st day of July 2014, by and between Beaufort County School District (BCSD) and GCA Education Services Inc. (Contractor).

The Project is to acquire all personnel, services, materials, and equipment necessary to provide facility maintenance management services for BCSD.

Under the terms of this contract GCA is required to provide materials. Please clarify.

Also, I am still waiting to learn the monthly limits of each of the 40+ Bank of America credit cards.

In the future, I believe it is more appropriate, ethical and transparent to have the public's questions answered directly instead of responding to the board only. Is it a new policy to have the public's inquiries ignored? Is this the result of an up-dated Organization Chart where the People of Beaufort County are no longer at the top? In fact, the People of Beaufort County have no place on the chart. How and why was this chart changed? The public can now get the message loud and clear; the district no longer has the obligation to be accountable to us, but they are asking for authorization to borrow \$350M.

The recent change to the chart now shows that the Board of Trustees/Robin Cushingberry are now at the top. FYI:Herb Berg and Bonnie Almond are still on the chart so it needs to be updated again. The new chart can be found on the district website under "About Us".

fran bisi

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Mel,

The AC was well built; kudos to our Chair for this. That alone inspired a great deal of confidence I have in your committee's eventual recommendations.

I also believed the Ad Hoc Policy Committee was well-built. Shame it wasn't granted more time beyond July 31 nor a standing committee designation...

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JoAnn,

I am anticipating that all committees, in fact the entire Board will contribute vociferously to that end of improving student achievement. The Academic Committee, will explore, but the Board must implore. Even with all eleven members on the same accord, our task is nevertheless extremely unnerving.

I hope that the successes in other committees will then resign us all to investigate our academic initiatives.

I am in full support of your efforts on the Finance Committee. You are correct in turning all the leaves in what appears to be a yard filled with debris.

Mel

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