



## BERKELEY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY WATCH

SHINING A LIGHT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# Business Administrator Julie Kot Leaves Out Some Inconvenient Truths in Her Report & Dr. Varley Refuses to Answer Questions about Her Nepotism Investigation



### FISCAL CLIFF? OR MONEY TO BURN?

At the most recent Board of Education meeting on February 9th, there were (as usual) more bits to be talked about that can fit into a single article, so the focus of this one is on the money (no pun intended).

Our Business Administrator, Julie Kot, gave a report on where we stand on the budget (another article unto itself), the decline in enrollment (28 students since last June), then went on to alert us to the “fiscal cliff”. Ms. Kot stated, “We have reached the point that we need to talk about the fiscal cliff. This, uh, hits different schools at different times, and this is our time.” .....[Read More](#)



### DR. MELISSA VARLEY'S TAX PAYER FUNDED DEFENSE

The text below is my last reply to Dr. Melissa Varley as a response to her answers to my questions on the amount of money the District has spent on her defense against the Nepotism allegation that the proposed settlement agreement appears to demonstrate that she is now admitting to.

Please read the email exchange and proposed settlement agreement (attached below) .....[Read More](#)

# The District Continues to Burn Money and Resident Access to Public Information



**MORE THAN JUST ETHICS:  
THE FIRST OF THREE OPRA  
CASES VALIDATES PARENT  
CONCERNS ON DISTRICT'S  
COSTLY AND IMPROPER OPRA  
REDACTIONS**

The Government Records Council (GRC), also known as the authority on government records, a/k/a documents requested under the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), recently confirmed suspicions that the Berkeley Heights Public School (BHPS) Records Custodian (Currently Julie Kot and 'designee' Steve Hopkins) inappropriately redacted (to black or white-out) responsive records.....[Read More](#)

**MS. BRADFORD'S OPRA  
CUSTODIAN VOTE: SUPER  
SECRET INFORMATION & ONE  
MORE BUSINESS ASSISTANT**

In this clip, BOE Member Gale Bradford claims that she was "on the other side" of the OPRA Custodian issue (there does not appear to be any public record of statements from her confirming this).

She then claims that she received "new information" that was not available to her as a member of the public that caused her to change her mind. This "new information" that only BOE Members appear to have, compelled her to add a THIRD position to the business office to help with OPRA Requests despite the overwhelming evidence refuting Dr. Varley's claim that the District was inundated.....[Read More](#)

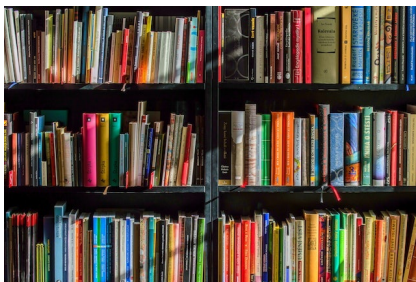
## Night Watch: Episode 5



In this episode of Night Watch John Sincaglia - the man, the myth, the legend - joins us to discuss the School Budget Process, Ethics Violations, and our terrible Attorneys. He also gives his opinion on JP's creative experiments with Italian food and the best Italian food in Berkeley Heights.

[Play Episode](#)

## People Are Upset About A Book That Tells You How To Ejaculate..... or Something



### **A FEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM BERKELEY HEIGHTS WANT TO READ A BOOK & IT BECOMES NATIONAL NEWS**

Ideas and ways of looking at the world - good and bad- are out there and more available to our kids than ever. Is someone asking people to ejaculate on a pillow, asparagus, or whatever the hell that book says to ejaculate on the biggest problem facing our District? With everything that's gone on in our schools - is a book about feminism really what we are

losing sleep over and what Fox  
News feels is essential?...[Read  
More](#)

