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The 01/18/2024 BOE Meeting

01/18/2024 BOE Meeting Part I- Laura's Notes

The public is now able to see the time and energy it takes for an adequate checks and balances system and accountability. Effective leadership is time-consuming; this is a reality of a system in place that is working to benefit the community at large...**Read More**

Quick Note On the 01/18/2024 BOE Meeting- Jordan Hyman Gets it Done

While there is certainly a contingent that is going to try to spin last night's meeting as "too long" or "chaotic" it's important to note that if one considers all the important material the BOE had to vote on last night – several hours is an appropriate amount of time. This is NOT a rubber stamp BOE anymore. Those days are over, for this year at least....**Read More**

Laura's Notes: 01/18/2024 Berkeley Heights BOE Meeting Agenda

At the 1/4/24 meeting, no President or Vice President was elected as the Board was tied in a 4-4 split. We were told the vote would be moved to an appointment by the County Superintendent. Several members presented the idea of compromise, which means that no one "wins" and both settle on something they ALL agree upon...**Read More**

01/18/2024 BOE Meeting: Legal Spending & Searchable Attachments

Legal Spending and Searchable Attachments for 01/18/2024 Berkeley Heights BOE Meeting

Tomorrow, the BOE will vote on whether to approve another ~**$7,000 to the law firm of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC;** total legal spending between four firms comes to ~**$11,000 –** based on our review.
The agenda includes other legal costs as mentioned in yesterday's article . There is a **$1500 settlement** on an OPRA case and a **$44,000 settlement** for some other matter that isn't clear to us....**Read More**

The Berkeley Heights Public School Audit Is Still Not Done

Minutia Matters- Especially Audits

According to this timeline, our BOE should have received the

audit by November 30/December 1st, and they should have discussed the recommendations within the month of December. As far as I can tell, this has not been brought up at a board meeting yet. **The State DOE also requires the audit to be filed with the Commissioner within five days of presentation to the BOE. Our district has not submitted an audit to the state....**[Read More](#)

Endorsements For Dipti

[Recommendation for Berkeley Heights Board of Education President – Dipti Khanna](#)

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Berkeley Heights and a dedicated advocate for the educational welfare of our community, as well as the father of four children currently enrolled in our schools. The Berkeley Heights Board of Education faces a critical decision regarding its leadership, and I believe that **Dipti Khanna** is the right choice for the position of Board President....[Read More](#)

[Everyone is Learning From Berkeley Height's Mistakes... Except for Berkeley Heights](#)

While it is good that other districts are learning from our mistakes, our District's leadership has yet to acknowledge them and continues doubling down on factors that created the problem.

It's time for a change and regardless of how you feel about Dipti or Tom or Sai or Natasha – if you are really honest with yourself you know it's true...**[Read More](#)**

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