

Outlook

Re: Please Help North Hanover Township - Burlington County

From Christian R. Janis

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Cc BHCW TEAM <team@bhcw.io>

Hi John, go for it. I do not need any credit for it and, between you and I, that poster that has been plastered all over the media and even on Tucker Carlson was made by my daughter.

Even though I think the information stands on its own. if you believe my name should be attached to ensure credibility, I can be reached at 908-255-1111

No matter what, people like her need to know that this is not okay and people have had enough.
Thanks!

Best Regards,
CJ Janis. PMP

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To: BHCW TEAM <team@bhcw.io>

Subject: Please Help North Hanover Township - Burlington County

Good morning,

While researching our Board of Education's attorney, Bruce Padula, and his law firm, Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, I came across several articles on the Berkeley Heights Community Watch page. In the process, I found this email and wanted to ensure I'm reaching the appropriate contacts.

North Hanover is being taken over by a stacked board intent of removing our exceptional Superintendent all because of a personal vendetta.

There is a special meeting tonight and it will be packed with community members ready to speak. Below is a letter we sent to several media contacts. I have some documentation not attached if you are interested.

“Headline – They are taking over the school boards...: Teacher doesn’t get tenure and sets out on 10 year crusade to destroy school district that serves the only tri-service military base in the Department of Defense, through hateful rhetoric and frivolous lawsuits. Now she has weaponized the board through her husband and his friends to remove Superintendent of school district that has maintained leadership roles on both the Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) and the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) for 25+ years.”

A letter from the Executive Director of MISA outlines the impact to not only the North Hanover School District students (of which, 75% are military) but taxpayers within the area, and even New Jersey. At this time, please read the following email message from the Executive Director of the Military Impacted Schools Association: *‘MISA Executive Director Response for Helen Payne.png’*.

You will see, Kyle paints a vivid picture regarding the importance of Superintendent Helen Payne and the impact she has within the Military Impacted Schools community:

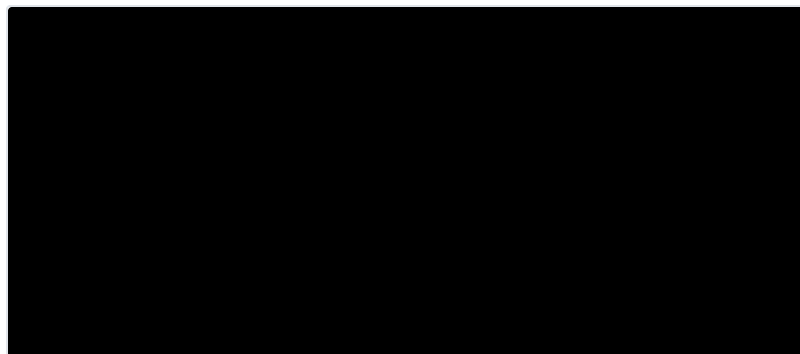
With statements like:

- “Getting these grants and maintaining the requirements of the grants is not an easy task. I believe this grant funding and the other superior programs that the district has in place due to Ms. Payne's leadership has brought in very good test scores for the children at North Hanover.”
- “Rarely over all my years of being the Executive Director of MISA have I been involved with a school district so important to Impact Aid.”
- “While being very fiscally stable you also have some of the best programs for the military connected child across the country. I travel to a number of different places with the 60 districts I represent, and North Hanover does it right.”

It is very clear the Helen Payne is not just doing her job but doing her job well.

So what is going on? The current Board of Education (BOE) president, Bryan Reading, is married to a former teacher (Angela) that has been quoted over the past 10 years as “wanting to take down Helen Payne” and at this time the BOE is refusing to extend her contract beyond its expiration at the end of June 2025.

Angela has a long history of controversy, at times making national headlines ([Law&Crime](#)) while being represented by The Thomas More Society. One of their recent targets is North Hanover Township's Superintendent of 14 years, Helen Payne.



Mom who called LGBTQ poster 'perverse' sues military officials for 'cons...

Elura Nanos

The mom's lawsuit stemmed from fallout from what she called "a simple Facebook post" that objected to "sexual co...

The school district population is 75% military and 33% financially disadvantaged, resulting in the opportunity to "win" Impact Aid from the Department of Defense as well as other sources. Having a 33% financially disadvantaged school population that still ranks highly amongst other military impacted school districts is no small feat as is known that financially disadvantaged students struggle more than the average student (Citation: <https://www.nassp.org/poverty-and-its-impact-on-students-education/>).

Over the years, Angela has been a thorn in the side of the Superintendent, school employees, as well as members of the community, resulting in people resigning from the Board of Education due to bullying or being worried about running for Board of Education due to her history of harassing people. See attached document titled: "*Board Resignation 2_12_23_Casey Noble.docx*" and then "*Casey Noble Citizen Statement.docx*" that further details why she feared for her family's safety.

The Reading family has been a lightning rod for controversy, being at the center of issues with:

- The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) 'No Place For Hate' program ([Burlington County Times](#))
- Being represented by [The Thomas More Society](#) to actively sue the United States military, local law enforcement, and the Superintendent what her husband is actively working to replace in North Hanover township. Citation: [United States Supreme Court Brief](#)



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· [Denied Injunction 1, Denied injunction 2](#)



New Jersey Mother Denied Injunction in Facebook Comments Case

A New Jersey woman doesn't have standing to accuse government officials of violating her First Amendment rights ...

· She even appeared on the [Tucker Carlson show](#), which resulted in North Hanover township employees receiving many aggressive emails and voicemails. Link to a voicemail (crude language alert): [Voicemail for Chief Duff](#). Attached: *'Sample of post Tucker Carlson emails to NH Township.pdf'*.



Voice 1.m4a



**Military official bullied me over sex education:
Concerned mom**

· Her appearance on Tucker Carlson also resulted in the Joint Base MDL Facebook page being taken under siege by hundreds of aggressive people. I don't have that evidence available, but the military base likely does.

At this time, Board President Bryan Reading (who cannot vote on the renewal of contract for the superintendent) has called a special meeting to discuss the renewal of her contract. However, Mrs. Payne will be out of town at a NAFIS Quarterly Board meeting in San Antonio at the time of this scheduled meeting - which means, they will be discussing her employment, without her present, in closed session - where the public is not privy to the information. Yesterday, records were acquired via Open Public Records Act (OPRA) regarding Mr. Readings contact and initiating the search for a new superintendent (attached) that dates back to November, potentially being grounds for an ethical violation.

If interested, the North Hanover School Board has a meeting on Tuesday January 14 at 6 PM at the following location:

North Hanover Upper Elementary School
351 Monmouth Road, Wrightstown, NJ 08562

*Should this date and time change, we will contact you upon our notice.

It is stated this meeting will discuss whether to renew - or non-renew Mrs. Payne's contract.

We hope to hear that you are interested in more information and helping our small community's story become more widely known. In the event you are not aware, local BOE's have become targets for extreme minded individuals, and we are currently fighting this. I will not give up until everyone knows that actions and behaviors that put personal vendetta's above children and community will not be tolerated. I appreciate your time and hope you hear from you soon. Thank you.