

Monroe A. Miller Jr.
19 Big Spruce Lane
Waynesville, NC 28786
March 6, 2016

Subject: CES Investigation Continues. E-mail dialog extracting facts from Bill Nolte, a.k.a. Spinmeister.

How do we know that Chuck Francis, Chair of the 100% democrat controlled Haywood County School Board won't come along next week and say "Whoops, we have to close another school"?

We don't. Do you want to know why? Because we have not been offered any rational explanation by anyone for the closure of CES (Central Elementary School). If we don't know the factors that lead to the CES closure, how can we be assured that it won't happen again (that's when, not if).

When I have requested Public Information relating to the financials of this mess, I have been instructed to make all requests through Bill Nolte, Assistant Superintendent, a.k.a. Spinmeister. This procedure was established during my investigation of the School Funding Formula. Nolte is required by law to provide public information, as the designated contact for Haywood County Schools.

Let me tell you folks, it has been a struggle. This document is a summary of the e-mail dialog with this guy attempting to extract budget information relating to school board history since 07-08.

I will take this opportunity to summarize some of the Liberal-Hack Hit-Pieces by Vicki Hyatt on this matter. Instead of doing her job and finding out what caused the closure of CES, she is carrying the water for Haywood County Schools and the 100% democrat controlled School Board. I'll bet that bucket is getting pretty heavy right now, huh Vicki?

Nolte put out a press release the other day [re: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/160301CES-PressReleases.pdf>]. Vicki immediately lost no time filing a hit-piece on her favorite punching bag, North Carolina House of Representatives Michele Presnell and me.

[re: **School asks critics to cease spreading falsehoods**, By Vicki Hyatt, Mar 01, 2016.
<http://themountaineer.villagesoup.com/p/school-asks-critics-to-cease-spreading-falsehoods/1488825#1489524>]

That invoked three (3) responses by people responding to her article and one (1) letter to the editor.

Then, Vicki plastered another hit piece in her newspaper, which interestingly enough, no one responded to:

[re: **Don't let fuzzy math blur the truth about school budget**, By Vicki Hyatt, Mar 03, 2016
<http://themountaineer.villagesoup.com/p/don-t-let-fuzzy-math-blur-the-truth-about-school-budget/1489673>]

There were two remarkable things about this hit piece:

- There were zero (0) responses by anyone, and
- It is the first time in my recollection that Vicki used space in her paper to print, not one, but two Press Releases, word for word. Most likely in response to my posting them several days earlier.

Let's review the responses from her first hit piece, **School asks critics to cease spreading falsehoods.**

[Editor's Note: The party affiliation of these folks were looked up on the Haywood County Voter Registration List, <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/151202VoterRegistrationList.pdf>]

Posted by: Penny R Wallace [D] Mar 02, 2016 08:09

What is administrative expense? What piece of the pie is spent because it is required by law? What piece is spent to ensure that teaching and support staff have the tools necessary to give our children a great education? Let's face it. When you cook dinner, the meat and two vegetables on the table is the core job (teaching). The plates, pans, flatware and utensils along with the water and detergent for cleanup are integral to finishing the job (core administration). The tablecloth, napkins and candles make it enjoyable (discretionary administration). In my experience at home and in public and nonprofit organizations the discretionary items are budgeted only when the funds are available and are cut as soon as a need in a core area becomes necessary. The numbers being batted around by Presnell and Miller presume Administrative expenses are fluff. Would you really want to eat your next meal with your fingers served on a dirty plate?

[Editors Note: If you are invited over to Penny Wallace's house for dinner, be sure to check to see if the plate is clean].

Posted by: Robin Greene Black [D] Mar 02, 2016 09:01

Current Budget/Balance means the current budget for that line item. Governments must report the original approved budget, any amendments since approval, and the Current Budget/Balance. It is a very simple and basic principle in governmental accounting and mandated by state law. This is why bean counters spend 6 years in post secondary education to be able to count all the beans. I find it hard to trust graphs presented by an individual that lacks a basic understanding of governmental accounting principles.

[Editors Note: This response ..., well, it's called the gift that keeps on giving.]

Posted by: Allen Alsbrooks [R] Mar 02, 2016 15:33

The truth doesn't incite the same hysterical rantings as the lies. We all know that. ::rolls eyes::

[Editor's Note: Self explanatory.]

The following was posted as a letter to the editor in the Mountaineer.

Must be refuted

To the editor:

Ordinarily I dislike ad hominem attacks but when political activist Monroe Miller uses folksy homilies like "bean counters" and the hyper-accurate descriptor "all this stuff" combined with his inability to decipher numerical data in a spreadsheet format, I find it easy to suggest that he likely fell through the cracks of the No-Child-Left-Behind program.

It seems just as likely his matriculation, if any, predates that laudable program. So let's take him at his word that his Etch-a-Sketch graphs satisfy his gross manipulation of the data ("all that stuff" in his

parlance) to prove his point. The fact remains he's blatantly politicizing this issue, perhaps on behalf of his puppet master Michelle Presnell, whom he just happened to mention in his presentation, ironically enough. It is my observation that Presnell is one of the most pernicious elements ever to walk the halls of the General Assembly and that's quite a feat.

Douglas E. Williams [D]
Canton

[Editor's Note: Etch-a-Sketch graphs? I'll have Mr. Williams know that I used the highest quality, hard to obtain, engineering green graph paper to plot raw data provided by Bill Nolte.]

None of the three (3) democrat candidates running for county commissioner that have previous ties to the school board have even responded to the closure of CES (with the exception of Robin Black [D] with her editorial response above).

- Robin Black
- Charles Boyd
- Steve Brown.

Where, by the way, is Rhonda Schandevil in all this? She is still on this 100% democrat controlled school board. Why hasn't she jumped in to save the day for her chair, Chuck Francis?

On to the e-mail dialog with Bill Nolte...

The following e-mails pick up from the last e-mail in my document
<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/160224HyattHitPiece.pdf>

This was on Feb. 24, with
Subject: Re: Request for Public Information (#2) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget
Date: Wed, 24 Feb 2016 05:00:15 -

Monroe Miller
Haywood County Taxpayer.

Subject: Request for Public Information (#2) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget

Date: Thu, 25 Feb 2016 08:30:27 -0500

From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>

To: Monroe Miller

CC: Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Pat Smathers <pat@smatherslaw.com>

Mr. Miller,

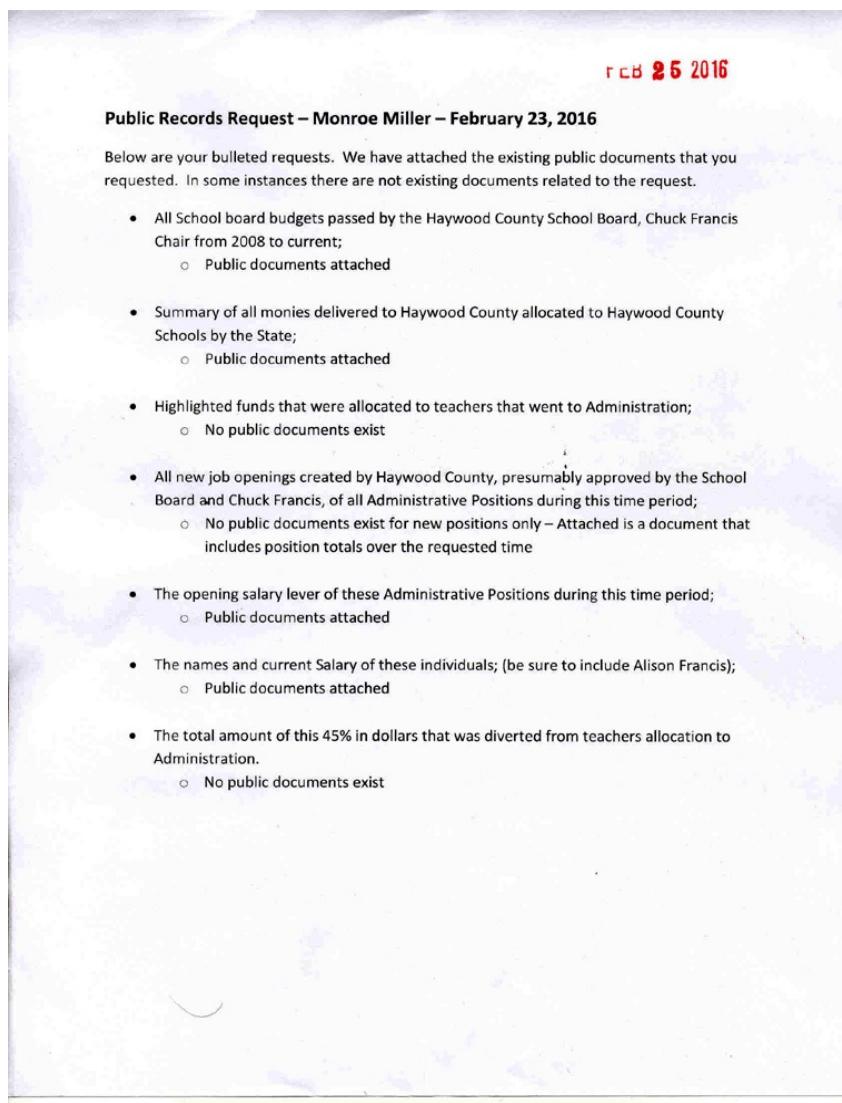
I reviewed your requests for public documents with Dr. Garrett, Mr. Smathers and Mrs. Gardner. We compiled existing documents related to your requests. These are available for you to pick up at our front desk.

Bill Nolte

Subject: Request for Public Information (#2) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget
Date: Thu, 25 Feb 2016 13:06:50 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
CC: Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Jonathan Key <jkey@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Scott McLeod <info@smokymountainnews.com>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis <chuckfrancis@charter.net>, Jim Harley Francis <jfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Rhonda Schandevl <rschandevl@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Greg Christopher <gchristopher@haywoodnc.net>, Bill Hollingsed <wpdchief@waynesvillepd.com>, Myrna Campbell <myrna233@gmail.com>, John Sanderson <john_sanderson@bellsouth.net>, Reese Steen <info@reesesteenin2016.com>, PAT SMATHERS <pat@smatherslaw.com>, Michele Presnell <PresnellLA@ncLeg.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Jonnie Cure, Eddie Cabe, Denny King

Mr. Nolte,

Thank you for providing the requested information. I am impressed that this volume of information (stack of documents 1.5 inches in depth) was produced in such a short period of time, especially with Smathers in the loop. Here is the summary sheet of information you provided:



I will be making a trip over to the UPS Store to -

- Get this information scanned to pdf so I can share it with Haywood County Taxpayers, and
- Get a hard copy printout to hand over to Michele Presnell. I hate to think how much this is going to cost me...

Thank you.

Monroe Miller
Haywood County Taxpayer

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Subject: New Interesting Stuff
Date: Sat, 27 Feb 2016 20:19:43 -0500
From: Patrick Smathers <pat@smatherslaw.com>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Jonnie Cure, Eddie Cabe, Denny King, Jeremy Davis, Michele Presnell <PresnellLA@ncLeg.net>, Aaron Littlefield <aaronlittlefield@gmail.com>, Thomas Dees <dees_thomas@yahoo.com>, Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jonathan Key <jkey@themountaineer.com>, Scott McLeod <info@smokymountainnews.com>, Chuck Francis <chuckfrancis@charter.net>, Jim Harley Francis <jfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Rhonda Schandeval <rschandeval@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Myrna Campbell <myrna233@gmail.com>, Reese Steen <info@reesesteenin2016.com>, John Sanderson <john_sanderson@bellsouth.net>

Miller, delete me from your e-mails. Last warning.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: New Interesting Stuff
Date: Sat, 27 Feb 2016 20:49:19 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Patrick Smathers <pat@smatherslaw.com>
CC: Jonnie Cure, Eddie Cabe, Denny King, Jeremy Davis, Michele Presnell <PresnellLA@ncLeg.net>, Aaron Littlefield <aaronlittlefield@gmail.com>, Thomas Dees <dees_thomas@yahoo.com>, Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jonathan Key <jkey@themountaineer.com>, Scott McLeod <info@smokymountainnews.com>, Chuck Francis <chuckfrancis@charter.net>, Jim Harley Francis <jfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Rhonda Schandevl <rschandevl@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Myrna Campbell <myrna233@gmail.com>, Reese Steen <info@reesesteenin2016.com>, John Sanderson <john_sanderson@bellsouth.net>

Mr. Smathers,

Please review the following e-mail I received from Bill Nolte on 2/25/2016:

Subject: Request for Public Information (#2) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget
Date: Thu, 25 Feb 2016 08:30:27 -0500
From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Pat Smathers <pat@smatherslaw.com>

Mr. Miller,

I reviewed your requests for public documents with Dr. Garrett, Mr. Smathers and Mrs. Gardner. We compiled existing documents related to your requests. These are available for you to pick up at our front desk.

Bill Nolte

It was Bill Nolte that indicated you were part of the approval process of my receiving Public Information regarding the CES school closure. Bill Nolte copied you with his response to me with instructions on how to obtain my requested information. Since you appear to be an integral part of this process, you will continue to be copied on any correspondence related to the CES school closure, since you are the lawyer representing Haywood County Schools.

I can't tell you how many "last warnings" I have received from you, but if you like, I will do some research and refresh your memory.

Monroe Miller

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Subject: Request for Public Information (#3) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget
Date: Sun, 28 Feb 2016 09:19:49 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
CC: Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Jonathan Key <jkey@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Scott McLeod <info@smokymountainnews.com>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis <chuckfrancis@charter.net>, Jim Harley Francis <jfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Rhonda Schandevl <rschandevl@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Greg Christopher <gchristopher@haywoodnc.net>, Bill Hollingsed <wpdchief@waynesvillepd.com>, Myrna Campbell <myrna233@gmail.com>, John Sanderson <john_sanderson@bellsouth.net>, Reese Steen <info@reesesteenin2016.com>, PAT SMATHERS <pat@smatherslaw.com>, Michele Presnell <PresnellLA@ncLeg.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Jonnie Cure, Eddie Cabe, Denny King, Jeremy Davis

Mr. Nolte,

In your response to me on 2/25/2016, in the last bullet item, in response to my Request for Public Information, you said::

- The total amount of the 45% in dollars that ws diverted from teachers allocation to Administration.
 - No public documents exist.

Let me draw your attention to the attachment, 2014-15HaywoodSchoolsBudgetProposal.pdf, pulled off your web site:

On page 13, (the first page of this pdf file) there is a line item “001 CLASSROOM TEACHERS.” The total spent in 2013-14 on Classroom Teachers was \$1,907,583.52.

Below Classroom Teachers on page 13, there is a line item “002 CENTRAL OFFICE ADMIN.” The total spent on Central Office Admin 2013-14 was \$871,562.14.

A bit of calculation shows us that \$871,562.14 is 45% of \$1,907,583.52 (it actually rounds to 46%, but 45% is a safe, conservative tabulation).

It's important to note that this budget document refers to local county money only. Therefore, the choice to allocate 45% of what was allocated to teachers to administration is solely a Haywood County School Board decision.

So, let me ask for the same Public Information Request in a different way...

How about a complete line-by-line item of both of these referenced categories? “001 CLASSROOM TEACHERS.” and “002 CENTRAL OFFICE ADMIN.” Does that public document exist?

This could have been done the first time...

By the way, Pat Smathers has been intentionally copied on this 3rd Request for Public Information despite his threat, as I am confident you would have forwarded this information to him as soon as you received it, so now you don't have to. He already gets it.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Request for Public Information (#3) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget

Date: Mon, 29 Feb 2016 06:15:29 -0500

From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>

To: Monroe Miller

The request you send on Sunday, February 28, 2016 was received.

Subject: Request for Public Information (#3) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget
Date: Mon, 29 Feb 2016 09:27:24 -0500
From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>

Mr. Miller,

This is a response to your public document request on Sunday, February 28, 2016.

The total amount of the 45% in dollars that was diverted from teachers allocation to administration.
o No public documents exist.

We said “no public documents exist” because money was not moved from teachers to administration. This is a false accusation that is similar to the previous false accusation that we were given 165 teachers from the state when the actual state allocation was 124.5 teachers.

The 2014-15 Haywood Schools Budget Proposal.pdf, that you pulled off our web site is attached. We have circled the total changes from the previous year. As you can see, the proposal was to increase teacher support by 18%. In contrast, the Central Office proposal was a small decrease. As you pointed out in your request, this was a proposed budget document. We previously sent you actual budgets.

In your last request you stated, “How about a complete line-by-line item of both of these referenced categories? “001 CLASSROOM TEACHERS.” and “002 CENTRAL OFFICE ADMIN.” Does that public document exist?”

o We do have line-item budget documents which we will be glad to share with you to clear up false accusations.

Please let us know if you are requesting specific line-item documents.

Bill Nolte

Subject: Request for Public Information (#3) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget

Date: Mon, 29 Feb 2016 11:02:11 -0500

From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>

To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller,

Please excuse my typo. The false accusation of state allotted teachers was "365" not the typo of 165. And, the actual state allotment was "324.5" not the typo of 124.5.

With or without the typos it was a false accusation.

Bill Nolte

Subject: Request for Public Information (#4) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget
Date: Wed, 2 Mar 2016 08:44:24 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
CC: Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Jonathan Key <jkey@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Scott McLeod <info@smokymountainnews.com>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis <chuckfrancis@charter.net>, Jim Harley Francis <jfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Rhonda Schandevl <rschandevl@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Greg Christopher <gchristopher@haywoodnc.net>, Bill Hollingsed <wpdchief@waynesvillepd.com>, Myrna Campbell <myrna233@gmail.com>, John Sanderson <john_sanderson@bellsouth.net>, Reese Steen <info@reesesteenin2016.com>, PAT SMATHERS <pat@smatherslaw.com>, Michele Presnell <PresnellLA@ncLeg.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Jonnie Cure, Eddie Cabe, Denny King, Jeremy Davis

Mr. Nolte,

The 1.5" this mound of paper I received from you was useful to a limited extent. However, now that I will be digging into the budget in greater detail, I am requesting that you provide the actual .xls worksheet files. This way, I can use the search facilities to find stuff quicker. So please forward the budget information that you provided previously from 07-08 through 15-16 in .xls file format. You can:

- e-mail each file individually,
- place files on a DVD for pick-up
- I can provide a flashy drive and you can copy to that.

Please let me know how you would prefer the transfer.

Don't forget to see: [Two Press Releases from: \(1\) Haywood County Schools, Bill Nolte, Associate Superintendent, a.k.a. Spinmeister - Debunking False Political Accusation, and \(2\) Presnell defends statements. Looks like we struck a nerve. 3/1/2016...](#)

Monroe Miller

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Subject: Request for Public Information (#4) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget

Date: Wed, 2 Mar 2016 14:34:25 -0500

From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>

To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller,

Your request to provide the same information again in a digital format was received.

Bill Nolte

Subject: Request for Public Information (#4) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget

Date: Thu, 3 Mar 2016 08:02:54 -0500

From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>

To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller,

The public documents you requested and previously received are available in the alternate format that you requested. Please see attached.

There are two large files attached. Please note the tabs at the bottom of the files for various years.

Bill Nolte

Subject: Request for Public Information (#5) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget
Date: Fri, 4 Mar 2016 10:34:06 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
CC: Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Jonathan Key <jkey@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Scott McLeod <info@smokymountainnews.com>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis <chuckfrancis@charter.net>, Jim Harley Francis <jfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Rhonda Schandevl <rschandevl@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Greg Christopher <gchristopher@haywoodnc.net>, Bill Hollingsed <wpdchief@waynesvillepd.com>, Myrna Campbell <myrna233@gmail.com>, John Sanderson <john_sanderson@bellsouth.net>, Reese Steen <drrasteen@aol.com>, PAT SMATHERS <pat@smatherslaw.com>, Michele Presnell <PresnellLA@ncLeg.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Jonnie Cure, Eddie Cabe, Denny King, Jeremy Davis, Robin Black <RBlack4CPA@gmail.com>, Steve Brown <smbrownhcsf@gmail.com>

Mr. Nolte,

Thank you for sending the .xlsx files for the Budget and Administration. They have already been posted on my website, www.haywoodtp.net for Haywood County Taxpayers (along with the rest of the known universe) to independently inspect.

Not having had the extra six (6) years of post secondary education as Robin Black has had [re: This is why bean counters spend 6 years in post secondary education to be able to count all the beans.], I, along with most other simple Haywood County Taxpayers need some additional Public Information regarding the budgets that you have supplied, to make it easier for those of us that do not have an extra six (6) years of post secondary education.

In order to do this, I /we need to be able to understand some of the cryptic categories supplied on your budgets. Therefore this Request for Public Information requests the following:

The full description of the legends used for the budget, which include:

- Fund (Col 1)
- Purpose (Col 2)
- Program (Col 3)
- Object (Col 4)
- Obj Desc (Col 5) (be sure to include ER HOSPITALIZATION INS COST).

There are 6-8 sub-groupings throughout each year, each with a subtotal. Please provide the legend for those sub-groupings, as well.

Thank you,

Monroe Miller

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Subject: Request for Public Information (#5) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget

Date: Fri, 4 Mar 2016 13:05:13 -0500

From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>

To: Monroe Miller

Request received ...

Subject: Request for Public Information (#6) School Board approved Administration Costs and Budget
Date: Sat, 5 Mar 2016 09:24:29 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
CC: Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Jonathan Key <jkey@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Scott McLeod <info@smokymountainnews.com>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis <chuckfrancis@charter.net>, Jim Harley Francis <jfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Rhonda Schandevl <rschandevl@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Greg Christopher <gchristopher@haywoodnc.net>, Bill Hollingsed <wpdchief@waynesvillepd.com>, Myrna Campbell <myrna233@gmail.com>, John Sanderson <john_sanderson@bellsouth.net>, Reese Steen <drrasteen@aol.com>, PAT SMATHERS <pat@smatherslaw.com>, Michele Presnell <PresnellLA@ncLeg.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Jonnie Cure, Eddie Cabe, Denny King, Jeremy Davis, Robin Black <RBlack4CPA@gmail.com>, Steve Brown <smbrownhcsf@gmail.com>, Charles Boyd <charles@wnclandscaping.com>

Mr. Nolte,

This request (#6) is uniquely different than my request (#5) that you just acknowledged. You know, I got to thinking while I was shaving this morning (that is when my mind is clearest) ... I never received any revenue information from you when I requested the budget data.

If you look at the county budget prepared by Julie Davis [re: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/140616CrackedTheCode.pdf>], her first section is Revenue. She lists all the sources of county revenue, i.e., ad valorem taxes, state and local sales tax, fees, etc., and comes up with a total. Then expenses are listed, and at the end of the document, revenues are balanced against expenses.

No wonder I was having such a hard time. You failed to provide any revenue numbers.

I think even Robin Black, a CPA who is running for Haywood County Commissioner, who said she has previously reviewed school budgets, would have to agree with me here. You need to examine both revenues and expenditures to get the whole picture.

As an FYI, and I don't know if you caught this, but Robin Black wrote a reply to Vicki Hyatt's hit-piece on me [re: School asks critics to cease spreading falsehoods, By Vicki Hyatt, Mar 01, 2016, <http://themountaineer.villagesoup.com/p/school-asks-critics-to-cease-spreading-falsehoods/1488825#1489524>],

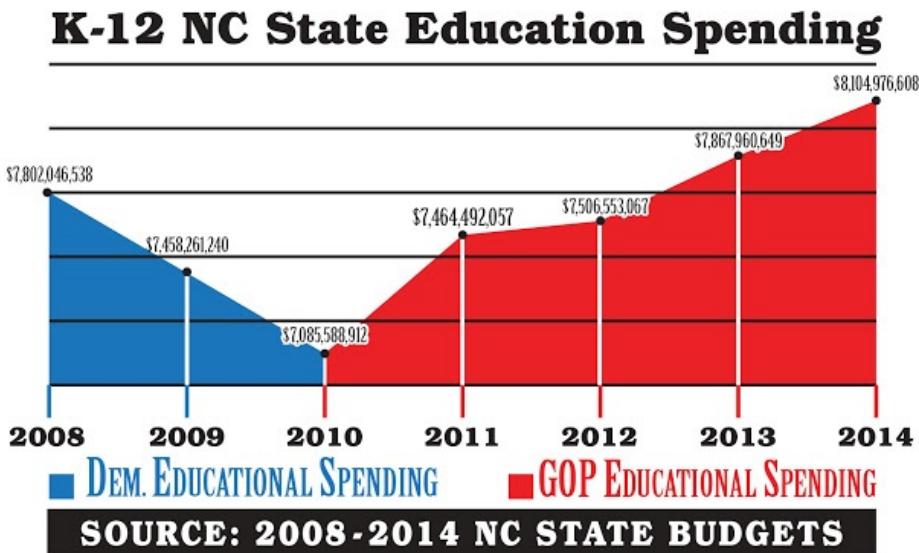
Posted by: Robin Greene Black | Mar 02, 2016 09:01

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"Having a hard time trusting my graphs"? My graphs are raw data taken directly from the data that you supplied to me, Mr. Nolte.

You know, the difference between a bean counter and an engineer (which also takes some education), is that a bean counter will look at the initial data you supplied to me and say - "Yep, all the beans add up correctly, therefore I bless this budget", and the engineer would stand back and take a look and answer the question that is driving us all -

Given that the State Legislature has passed an ever increasing budget since 2010



and since ADM has steadily decreased during this time period, why is it that this democrat controlled school board came up short this year while getting more money from the state and having less students, to the tune of \$2.4 Million Dollars and had to take CES off-line?

It's a simple question, but one that Robin Black, Steve Brown or Charles Boyd (all candidates with previous ties to the school board) have failed to answer. I have not heard a direct answer from anyone.

Therefore, I am requesting all Revenue and Fund Balance information from Haywood County Schools for the period of 07-08 thru 15-16.

Please don't forget about my Request (#5) which you have previously acknowledged.

Monroe Miller

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[Editors Note: This is where we stand now, patiently awaiting more financial information from Bill Nolte.]