

Last Town Hall meeting – Lots of questions remain unanswered – Jenny Greenwell

If you would like to attend a "Town Hall" meeting hosted by the BHSD, the LAST ONE (for now) is this Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 pm at Eastover Elementary School.

If you decide to attend, please expect one-way communication and an overly-long presentation by Supt. Rob Glass. The presentation includes some mis-information and the typical manipulation that we BHSD taxpayers have come to expect.

If you arrive early, you are likely to find several BHSD employees, administrators, board members (likely with spouses) and dedicated YES voters already present and ready to deal with any "objections."

If you ask a "hard question," the answer is apt to be "I don't know." In fact, this answer may be offered in response to easy questions, too.

Here are some sample questions to which "I don't know" is a likely response:

1. What is the plan for (closed) Lahser?
2. What is the plan for (vacant and closed) Pine Lake?
3. What is the plan for (closed) Hickory Grove?
4. How much does it cost BHSD taxpayers to operate (closed; re-purposed) Fox Hills?
5. How many school board members are present tonight?
6. Does the district have a higher likelihood of prevailing in a low-turnout May election that costs BHSD taxpayers \$60,000?
7. What happened to the 2004 Sinking fund?
8. What is going to happen to the VALUE of the Farm once the Building and Maintenance Dept. is moved there?
9. What is our annual expense for large-animal veterinary care?
10. What is the square footage of your newly-renovated executive office at the "Doyle Center," ("closed" Booth school?)
11. What about the new "BHSD Wellness Center" that is out for "proposals?"
12. Why have you stopped mentioning "21st Century Education?"
13. Can we get our \$863,114 back from Fielding Nair?
14. If we need to save operating costs, why haven't you already consolidated sports teams in our high schools (we already operate a "unified" hockey team for AHS and LHS.)
15. If you want to reduce operating costs, why haven't you out-sourced anything?
16. If you want to reduce operating costs, why don't you offer more on-line classes?
17. If you want to reduce operating costs, why do some of our schools have TWO principals?
18. How much is consultant Charlie Fleetham charging to facilitate this meeting?
19. When you say that a building will be taken "off line," what does that MEAN?
20. When you suggest that our school buildings be re-purposed as a public/private enterprise, does that mean that we taxpayers get to cover the facilities costs so that a private business can maximize its profit?

Taxpayers, that's a LOT of **"I don't knows."**
Frankly, that's not good enough.