

Clifton Budget Support for Friends of Community Schools Public Record Submissions:

Mike Booth:

We'll be out of town. But I want you to know that I'm very much in favor of the Town assisting in paying the legal fees involved in the attempts to keep Clifton Elementary open.

Michelle Stein:

I am in support of the \$25K to pay the attorneys.
The community has supported this cause from the beginning and it is a worthy one.

Margo Khosravi:

See Letter:

Dariece and Charlie Rau:

Dear Clifton Town Council,

Because we do not reside within the Town of Clifton we realize that we do not have a lot of say about what the Town Council approves or disapproves. However, as members of the Clifton community whose family dedicates many hours to support various Clifton events whether through volunteer efforts or attendance at activities we ask that you vote in favor of the \$25,000 donation toward the attorney costs related to the efforts to try to save Clifton Elementary. We are unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday, but wanted you to know our thoughts as concerned Clifton community residents.

Respectfully,

Dariece and Charlie Rau

Eric Hencken:

I plan on attending tonight's hearing in regards to the \$25,000.00 for Patton Boggs. I am in favor of the town donating that money to the friends of community schools. I believe the school was a major part of this town, and it was worth fighting for. I also believe the town should have a vested interest in keeping the school open. If for some reason I am not able to attend tonight's meeting, please make my remarks known to the council and the hearing.

Kathy Kalinowski and Brant Baber:

1. I would strongly recommend against this proposed town expenditure on the grounds that the town's resources are very limited and there are many worthy expenditures of a charitable or community nature and this particular one is no more worthy than many others.
2. Given that the town has already spent its budgeted funds for its own attorney for this fiscal year, it would be far more fiscally prudent to be allocating additional funds to its own counsel so that the town will be able to pay for any legal advice it requires between now and June 30.

3. You also should consult the town's counsel to advise whether such expenditure is legally authorized. If Clifton Red is a charity or a private organization the state constitution prohibits expenditure of public funds to private parties or to charities not controlled by the commonwealth of Virginia or to satisfy private debts.

Steffen Tengesdal:

Due to my commuting back from Silver Spring after late meetings this afternoon, I won't be able to make it back to Clifton before the Town Council meeting.

I did want to include the following comments though:

I am in favor of increasing the town budget by \$25,000 to help the legal fund for the Friends of Community schools legal costs for Clifton Elementary. Clifton Elementary was a centerpiece of the community and I support past efforts to keep it open, as well as future efforts to have the school re-opened. Thank you to the Town Council for their consideration in the matter.