

Letter to The Editor: Did You Earn \$1.7 million in the last 4 Years?

Can you answer the following questions: Do you know who in Clifton earned \$1.7 million in the last 4 years? Or in other words, do you know who in Clifton earned an average of \$437,750 per year in the last 4 years? Hint: The answer to these two questions is the same. Have you figured out the answer yet?

I'll tell you who in Clifton earned \$1.7 million in the last 4 years. It is the Clifton Board of Education Attorneys - The same BOE attorneys (D'Elia and Sciarillo who have been there for the last 16 years). This is hard to believe, especially when the per capita income of Clifton residents is \$26,785 per year. So in other words, the Clifton BOE attorneys made almost 17 times more than an individual residing in Clifton. Another way of looking at this is that the median family income in Clifton is \$50,332. So, these attorneys made almost 9 times more than the average family in Clifton.

Have you heard enough yet or do you want me to continue to give you some more statistics? One more question? Do you know who in Clifton is trying to protect these attorneys and let them continue to earn \$437,750 per year? Hint: In previous letters to the editors I have called them the gang of five.

In case you still don't know the answer, I'll tell you. It is the BOE commissioners John Traier, Kim Renta, Norman Tahan, Lou Fraulo and Jim St. Clair who have filed suit against the Board in order for these attorneys to continue to make at least \$1.7 million over the next 4 years. Imagine these same five commissioners have the audacity to say they are only doing this for our kids! In fact, this is what they state in the papers filed with Passaic County Superior Court. They state that the other four commissioners (Daley, Yeamans, Paitechell and Graupe) are preventing them from "doing the work of the people of Clifton" (page 4 plaintiffs' rely brief) and "it is unfortunate that the public requires the Court's intervention in this matter" (page 23 plaintiffs' rely brief).

The absolute nerve that the gang of five is trying to hoodwink the Court to believe they are doing this for the good of the people of Clifton. It is time the people of Clifton take back the City of Clifton from these highway robbers! Our Clifton kids deserve more than this. Imagine if this \$1.7 million was spent on our kids instead of the pockets of the BOE attorneys. Our kids could have had a new high school auditorium! Or our kids could have had some new fields (with lights)! The list is endless! If only we didn't spend \$1.7 million on attorneys. If only we don't spend another \$1.7 million in the next 4 years on these attorneys. Tell the gang of five it is time they stop wasting our kids' money on this underhanded, dirty lawsuit! Tell the gang of five they do not represent the public's interests!

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