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The "truthiness" of the FCPS BoE continues...

Look no further than September 5 when Jean Smith was quoted in [a FNP article](#) as saying *"I don't see how we could be any more transparent than we are. All of our meetings are now televised, and we have all of our invoices posted on the website."*

Well, when Jean Smith was president of the Board of Education on April 7, 2009, the BoE conducted an illegal closed meeting -- as was [concluded](#) by the Open Meetings Compliance Board (a division under the Maryland Attorney General) when it wrote **"we find that the County Board (of Education) violated the (Open Meetings) Act"**.

[Read the FNP story on this](#) and the follow up [Toothless Tiger](#) editorial. And this recent Open Meetings Act violation is just the latest of many prior Open Meetings Act violations by our BoE.

When the former president of the BoE does not understand what "transparency" really means -- then it is time to replace that Board Member.

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