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News From Around PA

Bryn Mawr College will get rid of references to past president M. Carey Thomas because of her racist views.

PA State System of Higher Education has told **Cheyney University** it does not have to repay \$30 million in loans, if the school can maintain a balanced budget for the next four years. \$30 million in taxpayer dollars won't have to be repaid and they are raising tuition 3.5% per semester at state schools this year??

PA House State Government

Chair Daryl Metcalfe wants subpoena power after Lt. Governor Mike Stack and others in Gov. Wolf's administration were no-shows at the committee's informational hearing concerning expenditures by Stack including a \$30,000

grocery tab over a two-year period; a \$15,000 payment to Amazon of which \$4,671 paid for candy and snacks; and \$3,000 purchase of "convenience items."

Currently all Senate committees have subpoena power, but only the House Appropriations chair has such power. **House Resolution 12** would extend the power to all House committee chairs to "investigate waste, fraud and abuse in public bodies and contracts."

Reading school board voted 5-4 to not allow a "reproductive health program" into the high school. It would have been overseen by AccessMatters, but day to day operations would have been covered by Planned Parenthood.

Philadelphia School District

plans to spend \$1.2 million to hire full-time social workers for 22 Philly schools. This is to put in place "social-emotional learning" as required by ESSA.

The three "transgender" students who sued **Pine Richland School District** will

each receive \$20,000 as part of the settlement. They all graduated in June.

Pointing to the violence in Charlottesville, VA, liberals in Harrisburg are pushing **hate crimes bills** SB 96 and HB 505 which would add "actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity" to the ethnic intimidation law. Such a law was passed in 2002 and it resulted in 11 Christians in Philly being arrested for singing choruses at a 'gay pride' event! The law was challenged and found to be unconstitutional on a technicality.

News from National Scene

Apple and George Clooney have each announced they will donate \$1 million to the **Southern Poverty Law Center**, which lists pro-family groups as hate groups.

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