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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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