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Library official takes issue with funding formula

INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL NEW ERA: The funding formula for local libraries isn't fair, a top city library official says.

The Lancaster Public Library on Duke Street and its branches in Leola and Mountville cover 40 percent of the county's service area but receive only 29 percent of state allocations, city library board president Todd Smith said...

Further, Smith said, far too much money is spent at the system level, never making it to the county's member libraries. For instance, Smith said, only 8 percent of the \$2.1 million allocated by the county for library services goes to the libraries; the rest, he said, is spent at the system level...

EDITOR: *The article merits a careful reading.*

As we have previously pointed out, either there should be a System that owns and operates the library or there should be libraries that simply contract for services with a much scaled back System. Right now we have the worst of both worlds with the ridiculousness of each library, tiny or gigantic, only having one vote in decision making.

When Lancaster Public Library (LPL) president Scott Todd told the System board that LPL is at a "breaking point", this might foreshadow an LPL exit and the death knell of the bloated System. RIP.

One Year Later, Alumni Watchdog Group Raises More Questions

Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship continues to pressure board of trustees on need for objective investigation, immediate resignations and transparent leadership

...2. How did Centre County Children & Youth Services (CYS) and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) – both with decades' long relationships with Jerry Sandusky — repeatedly fail to identify him as a sexual predator? Who is currently investigating and evaluating their roles from 1998 to present?

3. What action, if any, was taken by the executive leadership of The Second Mile after the organization was notified by Penn State officials of Jerry Sandusky's behavior related to the 1998 and 2001 cases? How has The Second Mile escaped

intense judicial scrutiny for allowing a suspected pedophile to remain in contact with children?

4. With widely-reported discrepancies in each one of Mike McQueary's court testimonies pertaining to his 2001 Lasch Building locker room observations, just what exactly did Mike McQueary see that night?

5. Why did Tom Corbett, in the role of Attorney General, delay the arrest of Jerry Sandusky for nearly three years?

6. Why was Tom Corbett permitted to accept \$625,000 in gubernatorial campaign contributions from a charity whose founder he was investigating? As governor, how did Corbett approve a \$3 million dollar grant for The Second Mile while he was overseeing a grand jury investigation of its founder?

7. Why was Governor Tom Corbett at the November 9th Board of Trustees meeting with an advanced hotel reservation, when for all prior meetings, he sent a proxy?

8. Chairwoman Karen Peetz and the Penn State Board of Trustees have repeatedly said that Tim Curley and Gary Shultz will get their “due process.” Why was Joe Paterno not afforded the same consideration? What specific information did the Board of Trustees use to make their decision to terminate Paterno on November 9, 2011?

9. Where are the Penn State Board of Trustees’ meeting minutes from November 9, 2011 and why are they the only meeting minutes that have not been publicly released, even after repeated requests, and a legal requirement to do so?

10. Why did the Board of Trustees immediately grab power from Graham Spanier, force his resignation, and not allow him to manage the crisis from day one? What facts did they have to inform this decision?...

12. Why hasn’t the Board of Trustees acknowledged that it acted precipitously in terminating Joe Paterno in November 2011, before any facts were uncovered, before the Board became aware that the statements attributed to Mike

McQueary in the Grand Jury presentment were false, that Mike McQueary gave numerous versions of his story, none of which provided any details to Joe Paterno, and before the Board became aware that Joe Paterno followed University reporting protocols as they existed in 2001?...

23. Why has the Penn State Board of Trustees (formally or informally) accepted the unsupported conclusions of the Freeh Report and allowed an incomplete and judicially irrelevant document to serve as the basis for NCAA sanctions, Middle States Accreditation warnings and premature civil settlements brought forth by victims?

24. Who first suggested the use of the Death Penalty as an appropriate penalty handed down from the NCAA – Rodney Erickson or Mark Emmert? What date and time did those conversations begin? Did Rodney Erickson present/recommend the specific sanctions that were agreed upon? Was Rodney Erickson being untruthful when he said Penn State was threatened with the Death Penalty? Why was counsel with expertise in NCAA matters not engaged until July 2012, despite the November 2011 notice from the NCAA?

25. When will Penn State University make plans to properly honor Joe Paterno’s 61 years of service?

LETTER: Corporations not permitted to give to political campaigns: *“Citizens United doesn’t enable companies to give to political campaigns. Not directly. It says that corporate persons may buy as much airtime as they can afford.”*

Newsmax (and others)

Headline: *“Sources: Petraeus Mistress Had Substantial Classified Data on Computer”*

WATCHDOG: Talk about sexism! A mistress is a kept woman. The lady in question is a wife, an author and self-supporting.

Incidentally, as a reserve officers, she had clearance for the data. Enough already.

She was his girlfriend, perhaps his paramour or lover, but hardly his mistress.

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