

Professional Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings – Friday, March 16, 2018

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Attendance: Fort LeBoeuf, General McLane, Girard, Harbor Creek, Iroquois, Millcreek, North East, Northwestern, Union City, Wattsburg

Absent: Fairview, Millcreek

Legal Fund Disbursement – JOC Foundation

Total: \$168,000

Per District: \$ 15,200

Concerns:

- **Charles Zogby** was recently appointed as financial administrator for the Erie School District to oversee additional \$14M in state funds.
 - Zogby is an advocate for and an entrepreneur of cyber charter schools.
 - Zogby, PA's Budget Secretary and Former Secretary of Education under Governor Ridge, served as K12's Senior Vice President of Education and Policy prior to being recruited to serve in the Corbett Administration.
 - "According to disclosures reported in Business Week, Pennsylvania's Agora Cyber Charter School—K12 Inc.'s online school generated \$31.6 million for K12 Inc. in the past academic year [2011]."
 - <http://keystonestateeducationcoalition.blogspot.com/2011/11/according-to-disclosures-reported-in.html>
- **SB2 – Voucher Bill**
 - If passed, all Erie school students would be eligible for a tuition voucher to attend another school.
 - Charter and cyber-charter school options will likely consume the vast majority of Erie SD's remaining resources.

Recommendations:

1. Finalize Phase I Capacity and Feasibility Report from the Pennsylvania Economic League (PEL). This report has been paid for.
2. Cancel the Phase II Financial Impact Report.
3. Hold funds in the JOC Foundation fund through the 2018-2019 school year for possible legal defense needs should SB2 become law.
4. Funds could be parlayed into each district's initial ECTS renovation payment.