

## **School Board President Bill Dwyer's Farewell Remarks**

I write to thank the community for allowing me the opportunity to serve on the Huntington Board of Education, acting as the president for the past three years. As a Board we grappled with the challenges of maintaining quality education programs under increasingly restrictive fiscal constraints while simultaneously being forced to address some contentious community issues. While we did not always agree on issues, I'd like to thank my fellow trustees for maintaining an open and honest dialogue with me. I would also like to thank the community at large for staying engaged in the activities of the Board and providing your opinions. Again, whether or not we agreed, the discourse was respectful and for that I thank everyone.

I stand by the decisions I made while on the Board, with my only real disappointment being the demise of the relationship I shared with Town Hall, which started cooperatively but became increasingly adversarial as a result of disagreement on community issues affecting the school district. I wish success to the current board and our new superintendent as they continue to lead our school district and hope that they may regain the advocacy of Town Hall.

Through this experience I have developed a sense of responsibility toward being involved in the community and advocating for what I feel is right. I am currently enjoying a summer break in order to relax and spend some time with my family but I expect my hiatus is temporary and look forward to whatever the future holds.