

1. **From:** RICHARD PANETTA
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2007 10:52 AM
To: Diane Ramos-Kelly
Cc: Brian Macken; Debbie Sicuranzo; Mike Smith; Dawn Waylonis
Subject: Trophy display

Diane, would you please tell me which individuals were involved in suggesting that the school's plaques and trophies be thrown out, who made the decision to do so, and what were the reasons for doing it.

Thank you
Rich Panetta

2. *Diane Ramos-Kelly* <dramos-kelly@valhalla.k12.ny.us> wrote:
Hi Rich,
Christine Ackerman, our Assistant Principal for Student Affairs, would be happy to speak to you about the trophies.

Please send me a number where you can best be reached or you can reach her at 683-5000 or 5014.

3. Richard Panetta wrote:

Diane, thank you for responding so quickly. This issue seems to have gotten enough attention that I feel it requires an official response from the district. I would like to know why you can't answer my questions. If your reasons are legitimate then could you please pass my email with my specific questions on to Christine Ackerman so she can answer them in the form of an email. I've learned that when dealing with government agencies and civil servants, everything needs to be documented. Thank you. Rich Panetta

4. Christine Ackerman wrote:

Hi Mr. Panetta----please contact me at 683-5014....I would like speak with you to address your concerns. We can either do this in person or over the phone, whatever works best for you. Tomorrow I have a few meetings, but can work around them if you would like to talk.

Sincerely, Christine Ackerman

5. Rich Panetta responded

Hello Christine. First I would like to know why Diane can't answer my questions put to her. That aside, I don't want to have a conversation. I want my questions answered in documentable form from a credible representative of the school district. Is that asking too much? Is there something about this issue that you are afraid to be made public? Here again are my questions. 1) Why was it deemed necessary to remove the trophies and plaques from where they were and throw them out? 2) What person or persons suggested that this be done? 3) Under who's authority was this action given the ok to carry out? That's all. After my questions have officially been answered, if you would like to have a conversation I would

be happy to do so. If no one cares to go on the record with an answer I will arrange to have a letter published in the local paper indicating the same, and I will put my questions forward at the next board meeting along with an explanation of how no one from the district cared to answer my questions. This also applies to the three board members I have copied in my emails.

Rich Panetta

6. Christine Ackerman writes:

Hi Mr. Panetta----I have gone out on bed rest---however if you do change your mind and would like to have a conversation about this....call the school and one of the staff will contact me-----I will call you from home.

Sincerely,
Christine

7. *Mike Smith, Board member* writes:

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I hope that your summer is going well.

If you are unsatisfied with the answers to your questions after speaking with Christine, please, as always, feel free to come to the next BOE meeting.

Thanks,

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8. Finally, Rich Panetta writes:

What answers? I've received 3 emails and I haven't gotten any answers. I asked 3 simple questions. I asked for answers in the form of an email and you people can't do it. It's pathetic!