

# Happenings

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## Message from the President

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I hope everyone enjoyed his or her spring vacation! It is almost May, so it's time to make our end-of-the-year plans.

#### **Grievance**

PJTA filed a grievance about grades. The grievance was settled.

#### **Retirement Dinner**

The PJTA annual End-of-the-Year Dinner will be held on June 20 at the Erie Trackside. To date, the board of education has accepted resignations for the purpose of retirement from Barbara Holt, Eileen Holub, Charles Keniston, Diane Marsin-Furst, Bonnie Schatteman, Anne Sigmund, and Nancy Wagner. I hope to see you all there as we celebrate the careers of our colleagues in our chosen profession! We all know that teaching is more than "just a job"!

## **Administrative Professionals' Day**

April 23 was Administrative Professionals' Day! (formerly known as Secretaries' Day). These are some of the most important people in our buildings. Where would we be without our support staff or professional assistants? PJTA honored our administrative professionals district-wide with gift certificates from Gio's in appreciation for the hard work they do.

## **Budget Vote/School Board Elections**

Many of our members asked about the budget vote. PJTA wrote a summary of the budget vote meeting that took place on April 8. See the attached sheet, "The Budget Vote."

May 20 is the budget vote and school board election. The board of education adopted a \$63,856,785 budget to be voted on for next year. The public will also be voting on a proposed project referendum of \$500,000 and a proposed repair reserve of \$500,000.



## **President's Message**

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There are three terms that are ending on the school board. There is one incumbent, William Smith, and four other candidates (Judy Amato, Tanya Hughes, Dan Morse, and Flo Santini) who are running.

I urge each PJTA member who lives in the district to go out and vote on the school budget and school board elections.

#### **Tenure**

Congratulations to the following PJTA members on their Tenure appointments:

Danielle Brand	Spanish 7-12	September 1, 2014
Meika Cizek-Mark	English 7-12	September 1, 2014
Jessica Eli	Literacy K-6	September 1, 2014
Ashley Kaufmann	Art K-12	September 1, 2014
Ashley Sparke	English 7-12	September 1, 2014

#### **Gazette Article for School Budget Vote**

PJTA building representatives voted to place our annual advertisement in the *Gazette* urging the public to vote for the school budget on May 20. The advertisement will be ½ page and cost \$128.

## **Community Donations**

PJTA building representatives voted to give \$200 to the Port Jervis City Recreation Department for their annual Summer Concert Program and \$160 to the Port Jervis Youth Football League.

In Solidarity,

Regis Foster



## Correspondence

## **Sympathy**

Amanda Davis on the loss of her grandmother, Frances Hosking

#### **Get Well**

Sharon Bray (retired teacher)