

“I recognize that my post, which was intended in jest and was not directed at any specific person, and posted for a very select group of personal friends, was harsh. It was insensitive, and it was offensive. I’m deeply sorry for my action, and I recognize that this type of post, even in jest, is inconsiderate and inappropriate. When I joined the United States Marines, I did so with the aspiration to serve my country, to protect its citizens, and to uphold the values portrayed in our constitution, including the protection of freedom of speech. However, with freedom of speech comes the responsibility to understand the difference between a careless Facebook post and potentially hurtful expressions. When I continued my quest to serve my country and its citizens as a police officer, a government contractor, and now, as a Wayne Central School Board member, I again renewed my commitment to act in an honorable and a professional manner. I recognize that I have disappointed many, and to them, I again offer my sincere apology. I ask for your forgiveness, and I promise to honor my commitment, and to serve this district in a professional and respectable manner. It is my sincere hope that this single, insensitive and very unprofessional Facebook post is not the measure by which I will be judged in the future.”

Philip McTigue, VP
Wayne Central School Board
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