

Republicans take over for Democrat incumbents

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Neshaminy School Board

Two Republicans will be taking over for two Democratic incumbents on the Neshaminy school board.

Republican Bill Oettinger beat Democrat William Spitz, an incumbent, in the district's Region 3 race. And Republican Scott Congdon won over incumbent and Democrat Joseph Blasch, who initially wasn't going to seek re-election in Region 1.

Incumbent Irene Boyle also beat Democrat Lisa Reiser.

Spitz, who served on the board for eight years, congratulated Boyle and Oettinger and said they have "big challenges ahead."

In the district's Region 2 race to take over for Frank Koziol, who did not seek re-election, Democrat Melissa Kitzmiller wished luck to Republican Mike Morris, who said he's looking forward to working with the board.

A group called Taxpayers for a Fair Neshaminy School District budget paid for a full page newspaper ad that supported Morris, Oettinger and Boyle, published roughly two dozen teachers' salaries, and pointed out the union's demands.

It's unclear if that played a part in the Republicans' success. Morris said he didn't know if it helped. The newspaper was unsuccessful in reaching Boyle and Oettinger for comment.

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Region 1/Lower Southampton and Middletown Upper 2 (1 seat)

Democrat Joseph Blasch (I) 1,342

Republican Scott Congdon 2,527

Region 2/Middletown Lower 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 (1 seat)

Democrat Melissa Kitzmiller 1,461

Republican Mike Morris 1,714

Region 3/Middletown Lower 1, 13, Upper 1 and 3-9, Hulmeville, Langhorne, Langhorne Manor and Penndel (2 seats)

Democrats

Lisa Reiser 2,236

William Spitz (I) 2,513

Irene Boyle, (I) (Also appeared as a Republican) 2,615

Republican Bill Oettinger 2,737

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