

Measure P board race still tight one

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On Tuesday's special election Mountain Area voters approved Measure P, which will consolidate Yosemite Joint Union High School District and Coarsegold Union School District, along with the five candidates to serve on the new district's school board.

Priscilla Pike, Gregory Schoonard, John Reynolds, Christine Wilder and Monika Moulin are the five candidates, unofficially, chosen for the new board.

Pike came in on the top with 3,268 votes. Schoonard received 3,029 votes; Reynolds 3,001; Wilder 2,977; Moulin 2,657; Ron Bucheger 2,615; Karen Hutchings 2,579; Dan Burrow 2,393; Thomas Allcock 2,181; Linda Olson 2,000 and Bert McSwain 1,299.

There is the possibility that when all votes are counted, the top five may change as many of the candidates are fairly close in amount of votes received.

The unofficial results from the Nov. 8 special election are not official until after a 28-day certification period.

The candidates receiving the three highest amount of votes will earn three-year terms, while the other two candidates will receive one year terms.

Pike said on Wednesday that she was very pleased.

"I'm very, very pleased," she said.

"I think we had a great slate to choose from and I think that the new board members will be able to jump aboard right away in setting up the new district.

"They will have a lot of decisions to be made, but when we have Bill McCabe at the helm, his steady hand will lead us into marvelous things for the district. We all want to bear in mind that the winners here are the children in the district who are going to be receiving great benefits from the growth that will be offered them through the unification.

The role that I perceive on this school board is working harmoniously and productively together



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with the other members.

Reynolds said he was pleased with the results as well.

"I'm very pleased that the voters overwhelmingly supported unification," he said. "I hope the new board will reach out to our community that does not support unification and work with them to earn their respect and support."

Moulin said she is looking forward to helping the students.

"I am delighted that this important issue was decided by the voters," she said. "And I'm eager to get to work to bring the benefits of Measure P to all the students of the new district."

Schoonard said he was happy with the outcome of the election and feels humbled.

"It is really a humbling experience," he said. "Because when you are elected as a trustee the people are intrusting you with the education of the community's children.

"So I feel very humbled and I'm thankful for the opportunity that I am going to have to serve. I am very happy about the passage of Measure P. I think it's a great step forward for our community and it's going to be very positive for the students and the staff of both of the districts."

Wilder was not available for comment.



Gregory Schoonard



John Reynolds



Christine Wilder



Monika Moulin