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EDUCATION

Moulin, Reynolds keep Yosemite Unified posts

By David Richards

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Monika Moulin received 42.6 percent of the vote, John Reynolds 34.3 and Michael Hall 22.9

The Yosemite Unified School District's board of trustees will remain unchanged after both incumbents maintained their seats during Tuesday's general election.

Ahwahnee's Monika Moulin, 54, received the most votes with 4,567 and 42.6 percent, with Coarsegold's John Reynolds receiving 3,678 and 34.3 percent. With the victories, both Moulin and Reynolds, 53, secured four-year terms.

Moulin and Reynolds were voted into one-year terms when the Yosemite Joint Union High School District unified with the Coarsegold Union School District last November. Coarsegold resident Michael Hall, 41, received 2,460 votes and 22.9 percent. Hall, who is new to the region, is employed in the advertising/marketing industry.



Monika Moulin

"I'm already looking forward to the next election," Hall said. "Win or lose, this race has made me a better person. There's a lot of opportunity to become better, and I look forward to being a part of that."

All three candidates were present at the board's regular meeting during Election Night.

Moulin, the only candidate of the 11 who ran for the five unified positions last November who didn't have any prior Mountain Area school board experience, is a special events/music provider and church director. She has lived in the Mountain Area for nine years.

"I'm honored of course that the voters seem to have sent a message that they want a strong independent voice on the board," she said. "I was also delighted to see Mr. Reynolds re-elected because I think his strengths are something we will very much want to take advantage of in future years."

"I want to applaud Michael Hall for his part in the process. I know our district is all the better to have parents like Michael who want to be involved and want the best for our students."

Reynolds is a civil engineer who has lived in the Mountain Area for 24 years. He was not available for comment as of press time. The district includes Yosemite High School, Coarsegold Elementary School, Rivergold Elementary School, several alternative high schools, one charter high school, the Yosemite Community Education Center, Meadowbrook Community Day School and Yosemite Falls Education Center.



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