

All school district budgets pass; incumbents ousted

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Voters approved school budgets in every Rochester-area school district Tuesday, the first time in three years there were positive results across the board.

That means, among other things, that Pittsford will implement full-day kindergarten and Fairport will go ahead with a spending plan that cuts a number of teacher positions for the second year in a row.

Incumbents were voted out of office in several districts, including East Irondequoit board President Kim Kane; Brockport board President Lisa Ireland; Martha Sciremammano in Brighton; Gary Gilbert in Victor; Richard Cunningham in Greece; Michael Shannon in Honeoye Falls-Lima; and Lynn Fulmore in Churchville-Chili.

In three of the last four budget years, voters in at least one district have voted the initial budget down. It was West Irondequoit in 2014, Brockport in 2016 and Pittsford in 2017.

West Irondequoit and Pittsford were attempting tax cap overrides; Brockport and Pittsford voters approved a budget on the second attempt.

No Rochester-area district attempted a tax cap override in 2017. All other spending propositions also passed.

Here's a rundown:

Brighton

The \$78 million budget passed, 1,345 to 191.

The computer proposition passed, 1,391 to 199.

The passenger van proposition passed, 1,410 to 181.

The renovation proposition passed, 1,402 to 164.

The walking distance proposition passed, 1,351 to 234.

Incumbent Mark Kokanovich and Christina Lee were elected to the school board, with 800 and 877 votes, respectively. Incumbent candidate Martha Sciremammano received 769 votes and Cindy Sobieraj received 430 votes.

Brockport

The \$80 million budget passed, 844 to 316.

The school bus proposition passed, 847 to 307.

Michael Turbeville and Robert J. Lewis were elected to the school board, with 657 and 703 votes, respectively. Incumbent candidate and current school board President Lisa E. Ireland received 629 votes.

Churchville-Chili

The \$85 million budget passed, 773 to 292.

The school bus proposition passed, 793 to 290.

The land purchase proposition passed, 755 to 345.

Incumbents Leon Tucker and Cheryl Repass were re-elected to the school board, with 677 and 756 votes. Jonathan V. Payne was elected with 724 votes. Incumbent candidate Lynn Fulmore received 443 votes.

East Irondequoit

The \$81 million budget passed, 1,053 to 388.

Idris Smith, Doreen Swan and Patricia Storm were elected to the school board with 685, 716 and 742 votes, respectively. Other candidates were: Stephen Aldersley, 612; Kimberly Kane, 598; and Carol Watt, 642.

East Rochester

The \$28 million budget passed, 365 to 65.

The capital reserve fund purchase of equipment passed, 358 to 68.

Incumbent Tim Henry was re-elected alongside Patrick Flanagan to the school board with 388 and 335 votes. Candidate Zachary Johnson received 78 votes.

Fairport

The \$129 million budget passed, 1,449 to 539.

The information technology proposition passed, 1,609 to 379.

The capital building reserve proposition passed, 1,548 to 429.

Incumbents Peter Forsgren and Judy O'Leary-Sargeant were re-elected to the school board with 1,657 and 1,680 votes.

Gates Chili

The \$107 million budget passed, 551 to 215.

The bus purchase proposition passed, 550 to 222 The capital reserve fund proposition passed, 581 to 190.

The energy performance contract proposition passed, 629 to 141.

Incumbents Andrea Hinchey Unson and Jeffrey Pettenski were elected to the school board with 610 and 535 votes, respectively. Kerri Keyes and Andre Bailey were elected with 574 and 611 votes.

Greece The \$231 million budget passed, 2,171 to 816.

The bus purchase proposition passed, 2,324 to 934.

The water main replacement proposition passed, 2,428 to 633.

Incumbent Mary Caitlin was re-elected with 1,820 votes. Tracey Farmer and Sherita Traywick were elected with 1,534 and 1,475 votes. The other candidates were incumbent Richard Cunningham, 1,351; Derek Schrank, 1,280; and James Sawers, 743.

Hilton

The \$82 million budget passed, 675 to 194. The school bus proposition passed, 676 to 194. Incumbents Thomas Abbott and Russ Byer were reelected to the school board, with 713 and 699 votes.

Honeoye Falls-Lima The \$51 million budget passed, 850 to 266.

The bus purchase proposition passed, 847 to 268.

Incumbents Joseph Alati and Carol Bellavia were elected to the school board, as was David Ghidu. Incumbent Michael Shannon was defeated.

Penfield

The \$98 million budget passed, 1,045 to 288.

The bus purchase proposition passed, 1,076 to 197.

The \$22.6 million capital improvement project proposition passed, 1,066 to 207.

Incumbents Catherine Dean and Mark Elledge were re-elected to the school board alongside William Yaeger with 1,071, 1,036 and 1,019 votes.

Pittsford

The \$137 million budget passed, 2,061 to 701.

The bus purchase proposition passed, 2,357 to 403.

Incumbents Valerie Baum, Irene Narotsky and Rene Sanchez-Kazacos were re-elected to the school board, with 2,171, 2,187 and 2,145 votes.

Rush-Henrietta

The \$127 million budget passed, 1,690 to 295.

The bus purchase proposition passed, 1,736 to 252.

The land purchase proposition passed, 1,746 to 247.

Incumbents Robert L. Cook and James O'Brien were re-elected to the school board, with 1,391 and 1,124 votes. Nichole La Placa was also elected, with 983 votes. Other candidates were: Mai Abdullah, 508; Ebonie Barr, 308; Pamela Reinhardt, 811; and Philip Chang, 477.

Spencerport

The \$81 million budget passed, 867 to 179.

The \$12.4 million capital project proposition passed, 853 to 188.

Incumbents Michael Miceli and Kevin Hutton were re-elected to the school board with 689 and 717 votes, respectively. Candidate Randal Weaver received 420 votes.

Victor

The \$69 million budget passed, 1,046 to 178.

The bus purchase proposition passed, 1,068 to 158.

Incumbent Karen Ballard was re-elected with 596 votes alongside Michael Vistocco with 607. Other candidates included incumbent Gary Gilbert with 575, John Garvey with 298 and Thomas Kolb with 192.

Webster

The \$172 million budget passed, 2,031 to 785.

The bus purchase proposition passed, 1,986 to 835.

Incumbent Sue Casey was re-elected with 1,390 votes, and David Metzger was voted to the board with 1,507. Candidates Sasha DiMaria and Maria Rigillo received 1,115 and 1,198 votes.

West Irondequoit

The \$72 million budget passed, 1,515 to 353.

The \$9.6 million capital project proposition passed, 1,543 to 327.

Incumbents Margaret Callahan Steckley, David Long and Matthew Metras were re-elected to the board with 1,545, 1,535 and 1,441 votes.

Wheatland-Chili

The \$19 million budget passed, 190 to 39.

The bus purchase proposition passed, 188 to 43.

The musical instrument purchase proposition passed, 203 to 28.

The bus and grounds equipment reserve fund proposition passed, 190 to 40.

Incumbents James Musshafen and Kim Snyder were re-elected to the school board, with 198 and 181 votes.

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Voters in Brighton cast their vote at the high school last year. TINA MACINTYRE-YEE/@TYEE23/STAFF FILE PHOTO

