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AUHSD governing board election results

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Local voters re-elected a pair of incumbents and one newcomer to the Acalanes Union High School District board of directors on Election Day Tuesday.

Incumbents Nancy Kendzierski garnered 19,566 votes (31%), and Bob Hockett received 17,339 votes (28.1%), while Christopher Severson, a former member of the Orinda Union School District Board, received 15,614 votes (25.3%).

Paul Derksen, the current PTA president for Las Trampas Creek Council of PTAs, failed in his attempt to join the board with 9,196 votes (14.9%).

Kendzierski felt honored to be re-elected, saying, "I look forward to continued close collaboration with all of our stakeholders in our great district with amazing students and an incredibly supportive community."

Proudly claiming 55 years in the California public school system as a student, teacher, and administrator, Hockett also looked forward to his work on the school board. A primary focus of his, he says, will be "to meet the needs of all of our students, especially those who struggle with academic, health - both physical and mental - and social issues."

Severson, whose children attend schools in the AUHSD, looks forward to adding his voice to discussions on the school day and calendar, homework and school safety. He says, "I am particularly interested in furthering efforts towards student wellness."

It should be noted that the board positions are voluntary and offer no salary or stipend to the members.

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