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Radnor Democrats take three of four school-board seats

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By Sam Strike
The race for four open seats on the Radnor Township Board of School Directors turned out to be a tight one, but three seats were won by Democratic candidates...



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The election result numbers among the Republican and Democratic parties and the county (which states that 34 or 35 machines were reported) all vary, but barring any unexpected changes the winners are Democrats Lydia Solomon, Brucie Rapoport, the sole incumbent, and Rob Armstrong, and Republican candidate Susan Michaelson.

Eight candidates ran to fill four open seats on the nine-person board elected at large.

Solomon, the top vote-getter, ran unsuccessfully four years ago for a seat on the board. She said she was "honored" by the win and said she feels a great amount of responsibility.

To be sure, school-board members will be facing some serious issues in the coming years, including state-mandated budget restraints and contract renegotiations.

"Obviously the results were not what we hoped for," said sole Republican winner Michaelson, adding that the issues her slate ran on will be more difficult to achieve alone.

Still, she said, "I will do my best to be influential and a voice for the

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taxpayers” and continue the “quality of Radnor education.”

Members of both slates campaigned as cohesive groups, appearing together in print and developing platforms.

Democratic candidate Doug Blazey, according to unofficial results, appears to be the sole member of his slate not elected; this is his second run for a school-board seat.

Republican candidates Sarah Armstrong (no relation to the Democratic candidate Armstrong), Tom Dougherty and Howard Gartland were unsuccessful in their first bids for the school board.

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