

Minsk, Scholl elected to school board

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Laura Minsk picked up 41,045 votes, with David Scholl taking the remaining seat with 31,953 votes.

Minsk and Scholl will replace current at-large members Sharon Gallagher, who did not seek re-election, and Kim Rogers, who was elected to the Union County Board of Commissioners.

Dennis Rape received just under 17 percent of the vote and Solomon Williamson garnered 9 percent.

"I'm absolutely amazed and overwhelmed," Minsk said. "I can't believe the amount of precincts I took. Wow. I have to do a good job."

Scholl echoed Minsk's enthusiasm. "I'm just ecstatic."

Minsk and Scholl paired up during their push for the two available seats, joining their respective volunteer forces. Both Minsk and Scholl agree the volunteer effort of the supporters helped secure the seats. "It was a good group of folks," said Scholl, "and not just people in my neck of the woods or hers. It was across the board."

Minsk also attributed her election win to her community involvement. "I have roots. Being a part of Central Academy (PTSO) has made me more involved in all aspects of the county."

Dennis Rape conceded that both candidates, "have high integrity."

"I think they'll do a great job," Rape said.

Before results were in, Williamson said if he doesn't win, he will continue to "work with the youth of Monroe through basketball and football."

Current school board members John Collins, Carolyn Lowder and John Crowder, all of whom ran unopposed, were re-elected to serve their respective districts.

Collins, Lowder, Crowder, Minsk and Scholl will serve four-year terms.

Staff writer Tiffany Lane contributed to this report.

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