

New, old OCC board trustees will face 1981 budget demands sans defeated millage increase

Two new faces will join the Oakland Community College board of trustees next month and help plan 1981 finances without an operating millage increase.

Trustee David W. Hackett, 56, of Rochester, was re-elected Tuesday with 13,921 votes in a 10-way race for three posts.

Second was Margaret MacTavish, 36, of Birmingham, with 12,759; third was Richard J. Pappas, 28, of Troy, with 12,519.

Loosing her bid for re-election by 571 votes was trustee Barbara J. Willing, 28, of Madison Heights. She ran fourth with 11,948.

Trustee Gordon Henderson of Birmingham did not seek re-election.

THE VOTE results will give present or former educators a 5-2 edge on the board.

Hackett is a second grade teacher in Detroit. Mrs. MacTavish is an associate dean of Macomb County Community College. An insurance agent and management trainee, Pappas had been a community college instructor until a year ago and is working on a doctorate in adult and community services education.

Currently on the board are Suzanne Reynolds and Sandra Ritter, both teachers.

The only non-educators are Chairwoman Lila Johnson, who worked until recently in public relations, and Vice-Chairman Earl Anderson, whose background is in the labor movement.

THE MILLAGE shift sought to replace 0.2 mills of debt service property tax with the same amount of operating property tax.

If approved, it would have added as much as \$2 million to OCC's \$27 million budget by 1981.

It was defeated by 61 percent of the vote, 32,385 no to 20,823 yes.

Farmington School District voters favored it, 425 to 302, as did Southfield voters, 1,163 to 1,024.

Novi and Oak Park voters also gave support, indicating districts in the south-central portion of the county were the only supporters.

Birmingham defeated it narrowly, 2,199 to 1,847, and Bloomfield Hills turned it down by a slim 570 to 531.

Margins of defeat were bigger elsewhere. Avondale said no by 684 to 396, Rochester 2,570 to 1,205, Troy by 2,971 to 1,859 and West Bloomfield by 1,189 to 466.

CHAIRMAN Johnson, who headed the millage effort, said she had "no idea what the board and administration will want to do."

She doubted the board would try again soon because "times are hard for a lot of people, and even the \$6.50 that this represented appeared to be a difficult thing for people to accept."

She called it a low-budget, short-time campaign. We attempted to reach the people traditionally interested in schools — the students, the PTAs, the League of Women Voters, the AAUW and administrators of local districts.

The committee used 150,000 copies of an informational brochure, phone calls and a half-dozen official speakers.

Ms. Willing was as disappointed by the millage loss as by her own defeat for trustee. She said she made many phone calls for it, particularly in Troy and Southfield.

NANCY VANGILDER, former stu-

dent government leader at the Orchard Ridge campus, ran fifth in the trustee election with 10,382.

The rest of the field was Veronica Sexton, Pontiac, 9,437; Mariellen Greenbury, Farmington Hills, 7,339; John J. Yeaman Jr., Rochester, 5,635; Robert Filiault, Bloomfield Hills, 5,411; and Theodore Dzurman, Troy, 5,036.

There was little geographic pattern to the voting. There were also few ads, few signs and little campaigning.

OCCFA, the faculty union, made no endorsements although it held one meeting for candidates that was attended by a few dozen persons.

Front-runner Hackett said he had campaigned in a few towns on the eastern side of the county, "but not very intensively in any of them." Yet he led the pack across the county.



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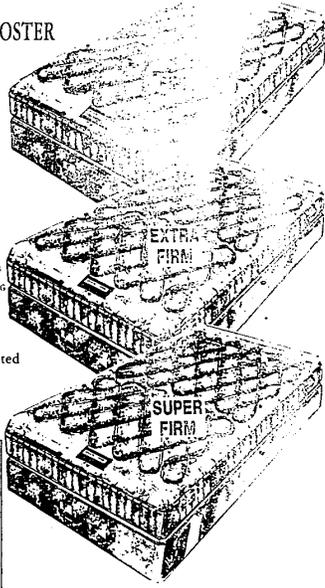
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