

9 file for 3 OCC board seats

There'll be a full house — nine candidates for three posts — on the June 9 Oakland Community College ballot.

But the glut of candidates won't include incumbent Trustee Edward Pappas, a Farmington Hills attorney.

By not filing as of Tuesday's deadline, Pappas will drop off the seven-member board June 30 when his four-year term ends.

In an earlier interview, he said the pros of business and his increasing Bar Association activities might preclude his seeking a full six-year term.

The lineup includes three persons from greater Rochester, three from Southfield and one each from Hazel Park, Madison Heights and West Bloomfield.

TWO INCUMBENT trustees seeking reelection are:

• David Hackett, a 20-year member from Rochester. He recently retired as an elementary teacher in Detroit.

• Margaret MacFavish, a one-term member from Rochester Hills. She is an administrator at Macomb Community College.

CHALLENGERS, none of whom ever has run for an OCC seat, are:

• John Erich of Southfield. He is executive director of Community Services of Oakland, a United Fund agency.

• Dr. Ruth Bornstein of Southfield. She is retiring after 33 years as research assistant in the department of evaluation and testing for Detroit Public Schools.

• Franklin Burn of West Bloomfield. He is a civil engineer and a principal in the firm of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

• Norma Ross of Madison Heights.

She is director of community education there.

• Judith Wiser of Southfield. She is a group plans associate in the dental programs division of Horizon Health Care Services, Inc., and previously taught part-time at OCC. She has run for city offices in Southfield.

• Paul Funk of Rochester Hills. An engineer, he is chief of technical

services in support of the tank division of General Dynamics Data Systems. Funk serves on an industry advisory committee at OCC's Auburn Hills Campus.

• Ben Colley of Hazel Park. He is director of youth and adult sports in Hazel Park's recreation program, a former OCC student and an Oakland University education major.

Senate passes Cruce's bill for MESC reform

State Sen. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, hailed Senate passage of a bill to make the Michigan Employment Security Commission more accountable, both to the Legislature and to government oversight agencies.

"This will undoubtedly translate into better service for Michigan workers and cost savings for Michigan employers," Cruce said as the upper chamber passed his Senate Bill 608 and sent it to the House.

THE VOTE was 23-12 with area legislators following party lines.

Favoring it were Republicans

Cruce, Richard Fessler of West

Bloomfield, R. Robert Gaska of

Northville and Rudy Nichols of

Waterford.

Opposed were Democrats Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills, William Faust of Westland and Patrick McCollough of Dearborn.

The bill increases MESC membership to six members from four and gives the MESC exclusively policy-making functions.

It moves most of the administrative work from Detroit to Lansing. Democrats tried unsuccessfully to strike that provision.

Cruce said the bill also will "return to negative-balance employers approximately \$22 million that would have been used for the plague-ridden automation project."

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