

## Update: Springfield School Board Chairwoman Nancy Bigley resigns unexpectedly; two new board members appointed

SPRINGFIELD — The mood was bittersweet at the Springfield School District’s Administration Building Monday night as school officials said goodbye to longtime board members Al King and Nancy Bigley and “hello” to two new members.

While King announced his resignation in September, board Chairwoman Bigley’s announcement came as a tearful surprise to many in the room. Bigley said she was resigning, effective immediately, for “personal and professional reasons.”

The remaining board members unanimously selected Erik Bishoff and Tina DeHaven to succeed King and Bigley. Bishoff and DeHaven were among five applicants who were interviewed by the board earlier in the day.

Bishoff, 43, is a longtime Springfield resident who grew up attending schools in the Eugene School District. A commercial photographer who specializes in architecture, Bishoff has two children, a first-grader and third-grader, who attend Springfield schools.

DeHaven, who graduated from Springfield schools and has lived in the district for 35 years, has four students currently enrolled within the district.

Currently a manager at Symantec, DeHaven said she’s been involved in managerial positions for the last 20 years. She has been active with a number of community groups, including the school district superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council.

With huge smiles on their faces, Bishoff and DeHaven both raised their right hands as they were sworn in — and immediately took their places at the board members’ table.

Other board members appeared visibly saddened and shocked by Bigley’s unexpected announcement, and gave her a standing ovation for her service.

Bigley said the timing seems right for stepping down.

“I feel like we’re turning a corner as a district,” she said. “We’re hiring a new superintendent, we have new board goals, and I knew I wouldn’t be in this position long-term.

“I felt comfortable leaving the board in the hands of the current members, and I’m really excited about the new members who were chosen tonight,” Bigley said.



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Both Bigley's and King's current terms expire in June 2017. Their successors will need to seek outright election if they wish to continue beyond then.

Bigley was first appointed to the board in 2007, and elected outright in 2009. She helps her husband operate the Outback Steakhouse in Springfield, and runs her own Jazzercise and personal catering businesses, according to her biography on the school district's website. She also serves on the board of the Springfield Renaissance Development Corp. and is a past president of the Springfield Rotary Club.

King, a former state representative and financial consultant, was first appointed to the board in July 2002, and first elected in 2003. He is the co-founder of the nonprofit Springfield Education Foundation and past president of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

King, who was feted at a reception during a break in the board meeting, resigned because of a move out of the district. He said he's proud of his work on the board, including persuading voters last year to approve a \$71.5 million bond measure for school upgrades, and the hiring of former Superintendent Nancy Golden, who served from 2003 to 2013.

The other applicants for the vacant board seats were Royd Arch, Doug Keeler and Naomi Raven.

The five-member school board's other members include Jonathan Light, Sandra Boyst and Laurie Adams.

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