

Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

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Board selects new member to fill vacancy

Michelle Bidwell will be sworn in as Woodstock Community Unit School District 200's newest member of the Board of Education at the board's regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Bidwell was selected at a special Board of Education meeting held Wednesday evening. Board members interviewed her and one other candidate for the vacant position created by the October resignation of former board member David Shinherr.

Bidwell, 36, is a Woodstock licensed clinical psychologist, and the mother of two young children including a pre-Kindergarten student who attends Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center. Bidwell said she and her husband moved to Woodstock from Florida about 12 years ago.

"As a parent, I am incredibly invested in this school district and working to provide the healthiest environment for our children's learning and success. I look forward to being a part of the board and collaborating to meet the needs of our district's families and children," Bidwell said.

District 200 Superintendent Mike Moan said he appreciates Bidwell's willingness to serve and looks forward to the perspective she will bring to the board as a professional, as a community member, and as a parent.

Bidwell says she plans to run for re-election in April. Three board seats are up for election on April 2, 2019. The filing period for candidate petitions is from Dec. 10-17.

Per board policy, no more than three candidates may come from any one township. Three of the current board members whose seats are not up for election in April are from Dorr Township while the remaining seat not up for election is from Greenwood Township. Bidwell resides in Seneca Township.

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