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There is a newcomer to the Turpin School Board.

On Tuesday, challenger Pamela Bromlow received a little more than twice as many votes as incumbent Tara Kirkhart, who currently serves as the board's vice president.

The final tally unofficially, according to the Oklahoma State Election Board, was 76-35, and Bromlow said Tuesday's balloting was made possible by the voters themselves.



"Thank you to all who voted and to those who voted for me," she said. "I will learn all there is to carry out my duties, and I encourage people to come to the meetings."

In a post on her Facebook page Tuesday, Kirkhart congratulated Bromlow on her victory.

“I believe that (Bromlow) will do an awesome job at representing our community on the board, as well as providing your insight on educational issues that deal with our students, our teachers, administration and staff,” Kirkhart said.

The incumbent, who had served one term on the Turpin School Board, said it had been a pleasure doing so.

“We have a wonderful school and some very hard-working teachers,” she said.

Kirkhart then said she appreciated Bromlow’s willingness to run and to get involved in Turpin schools.

“Thank you to those who voted for me, and thank you to all who voted, who got out and cared enough for the educational process of our school,” Kirkhart said.

In a string of comments that followed Kirkhart’s message, Bromlow thanked the incumbent for the congratulatory remarks.

“I want to thank (Kirkhart) for all your years of hard work on the school board serving our community,” Bromlow said. “I appreciate you. May you prosper in everything you set your hand to.”

Bromlow will assume her position on the school board at its next meeting scheduled for March 10.