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Monument, Colo. — Two incumbents will retain their Lewis-Palmer School District 38 Board of Education Director seats after a unanimous vote to cancel the upcoming November 2021 election.

Chris Taylor, board president, will represent District 1 for another four years, and Tiffiney Upchurch, board secretary, will continue to represent District 3.

The Board of Education, citing Colorado Revised Statute 1-5-208, canceled the upcoming election after incumbents Taylor and Upchurch were the only candidates to submit candidate petitions within the allotted period.

“I have mixed feelings about not having candidates for an election. I’m glad, frankly, that I don’t have to worry about yard signs and plastering my name all over. But I’m a little disappointed in not being able to engage with the community more,” Taylor said. “As a result of those feelings, my intended activities over the course of the next four years will be to campaign on behalf of our long-range comprehensive strategic plan that the school district has been formulating over the last few years.”

Taylor said his campaign would be to help the community develop a good understanding of the school system and the work being done by Superintendent KC Somers, Ed.D., and his District Leadership Team.

"I'm honored to be able to serve for another four years. I would like to see us reappropriate the taxpayer funds we saved from not needing to hold an election back into our schools," Upchurch said. "I look forward to capitalizing on all the momentum our board has generated, and all the good we will do for Lewis-Palmer School District 38."

Upchurch said she hopes to address the nearly \$20,000 saved in a future board meeting.

The remainder of the Board of Education, including Theresa Phillips, Ron Schwarz and Matthew Clawson, are each serving four-year terms through November of 2023.