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Three persons in race for Ravenswood board

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EAST PALO ALTO — Three members of the community have filed for Tuesday's special election to fill a seat on the Ravenswood City Elementary School District Board of Education.

The seat was left open by the resignation of Trustee Barbara Hatton, who left the community to take a job with the University of Atlanta, Georgia.

The three are Mavis Knox, Joseph Goodwill and Deborah Sanderson.

Knox and Goodwill are no strangers to board elections. Knox, 41, an educator with the Institute for Community Economic Development, was a trustee in Ravenswood from 1973 through 1977, when she lost a bid for re-election.

Goodwill, 51, is a real estate broker who has lived in the community for 22 years. He was an unsuccessful candidate in the November 1978 election for a board seat.

Sanderson is a counselor in the

alternative school of the Sequoia Union High School District.

All three candidates filed shortly before the deadline on March 27.

Knox said she is running because of her concern for leadership in the district. She said she hopes to revive a high degree of parental involvement in the district.

In particular, she said, she is interested in motivating students, staff and parents in a positive way.

Goodwill said he hopes to bring some stability to the district, which has hired and fired about a superintendent a year for the past five years. He said his long presence in the community and an ability to work with all kinds of people would be positive factors in his tenure on the board.

Sanderson was unavailable for comment.

The term of the board seat will run until the next regular election in November 1981.

At that time, two other of the board's seats will be up for re-election.