

# Board leader denies conflict

■ New Elmira schools president also leads cancer probe for county.

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Thomas Kump, who is leading the Southside High School cancer investigation for the Chemung County Health Department, was elected school board president Tuesday night in the Elmira City School District.

Kump, director of the environmental health division of the health department, was elected in a 6-3 vote by board members, defeating Susan Skidmore.

Wednesday's vote means the same person is now heading the Southside cancer investigation for the Chemung County Health Department and the Elmira school district.

Kump, recently elected to his second three-year term, replaces Deborah Pierce, board president for the past four years. Pierce pulled out of the race at the last minute, saying that other commitments may take up too much of her time.

Walt Badeau won the race for vice president. He received six votes, Skidmore two and incumbent vice president Robert Donahue one.

After the meeting, Kump said he knows that some people

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