

## MIDDLETOWN

## Board appoints new supervisor

*Kathy Heuer is a special education teacher in the Neshaminy School District.*

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Democrat Kathy Heuer was appointed the new Middletown supervisor Tuesday night amid accusations by Republicans her appointment had already been rubber stamped before the public vote at the vacancy board meeting.

Heuer replaces Republican Lisa Pflaumer, who resigned last month to devote time to her family and at home chocolate business. Heuer was appointed by a 3-2 vote of the vacancy board, which consisted of the remaining supervisors, Republicans Jasper Caro and George Leonhauser, Democrats Robert McMonagle and Chuck Thompson and Democratic vacancy board chairman Bill Cosen.

Cosen, McMonagle and Thompson approved Heuer's appointment while Leonhauser and Caro voted no.

"I want the public to know what a sham this was," said Republican Tom Gallagher. "I have nothing against our new supervisor, but this was all predetermined."

Heuer and the three Democrats on the vacancy board didn't respond to the accusations during the meeting.

Caro and Leonhauser felt Republican Russ Kavana, a former supervisor and member of the zoning hearing board, would have been a better choice because of his experience and because he got more than 3,800 votes in the November election for supervisor. Kavana finished fourth in the race for two seats behind McMonagle, Leonhauser and Thompson, who was appointed to the board last year after Diane Marseglia resigned.

Heuer, who lives in the Silver Lake development in the northern part of Middletown, has been a special education teacher in the Neshaminy School District since 1977. She is retiring in June, which she said will give her more time for her duties as township supervisor.

"I just hope to serve the people well and make good decisions," she said after her appointment.

Heuer has served on volunteer committees for the school district and is on the Matrix Advisory Board, which discusses and makes recommendations on what should be built on the Middletown share of the Matrix project near the Oxford Valley Mall.

She will serve as a supervisor through next year but must run and win in that year's election if she wants to retain the seat beyond 2009.