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Preview of Grand Island School Election

- * Candidates (Elect 3): Richard Little Jr. (i), Myrna Blair (i), Brian Chapin, Joan Droit, Phyllis Stallard, Emily Ciraolo and Takayuki Nobumoto.
- * Total budget: \$51.86 million, down .04 percent.
- * Property tax rate per \$1,000 assessed value: \$18.52.
- * Total amount to be raised through property taxes: \$28.13 million.
- * Taxes on \$100,000 home (market value): \$1,852.
- * Percentage of budget from property taxes: 54 percent.
- * Percent of budget from state aid: 29 percent.
- * Proposition 2: Purchase school buses and vehicles totaling \$671,212.
- * Polls open: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the High School, 1100 Ransom Road.

Voters will consider a \$51.86 million budget that would decrease spending by \$22,154.

Voters also will elect three to the seven-member School Board. The candidates are:

- * Richard Little Jr., 38, an incumbent, is seeking election to a third term. He is a project architect at Cannon Design.
- * Myrna Blair, 76, an incumbent, is seeking election to a sixth term. She is a part-time accountant in a doctor's office.
- * Brian Chapin, 45, a newcomer, is the chief operating officer of Sec-Cured Solutions.
- * Joan Droit, 74, a newcomer, is a retired teacher.
- * Phyllis Stallard, 49, a newcomer, is a local writer who's starting a home renovation business with her husband and son.
- * Emily Ciraolo, 23, a newcomer, is a corporate communications consultant at National Fuel.
- * Takayuki Nobumoto, 42, a newcomer, is the director of Project Symphony at Mount St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston.

To view profiles submitted by the candidates, click here.