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# THE CHRONICLE

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## Board working to finalize vote

### South Ward vote is too close to call; June primary looms

BY TODD LUCK  
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With just one vote now separating Democratic candidates for the South Ward City Council seat and two contests to be voted on in June, the primaries aren't over just yet.

Though most primary contests were voted on last Tuesday, the U.S. House of

Representatives and N.C. Supreme Court will have its own primaries on June 7.

And locally, a canvas process is happening at the Forsyth County Board of Elections (BOE) to determine the final official outcomes of the March 15



primary.

At a canvas meeting held Tuesday, March 22, the BOE approved the addition



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March 24).

"We've just been overwhelmed with a significant number of provisional ballots,"

of nearly 500 absentee ballots to the vote totals. Carolyn Highsmith's lead over John Larson has now shrunk to just one vote in the South Ward Democratic primary. The elections board voted to extend the process until today (Thursday,

said Forsyth County Board of Elections Director Tim Tsujii. "We had 890 provisional ballots issued on Election Day - 56 issued during early voting - which makes the total 946."

Officially, results will be determined during today's meeting. If there's is still no more than 1 percent difference between the candidates, then either of them can file for a recount.

Though the new voter ID requirement did result in some provisional ballots, most of the ones with problems presented to the

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## Leader declares challenging time for education

### education

### Rodney Ellis leads convention for Winston-Salem

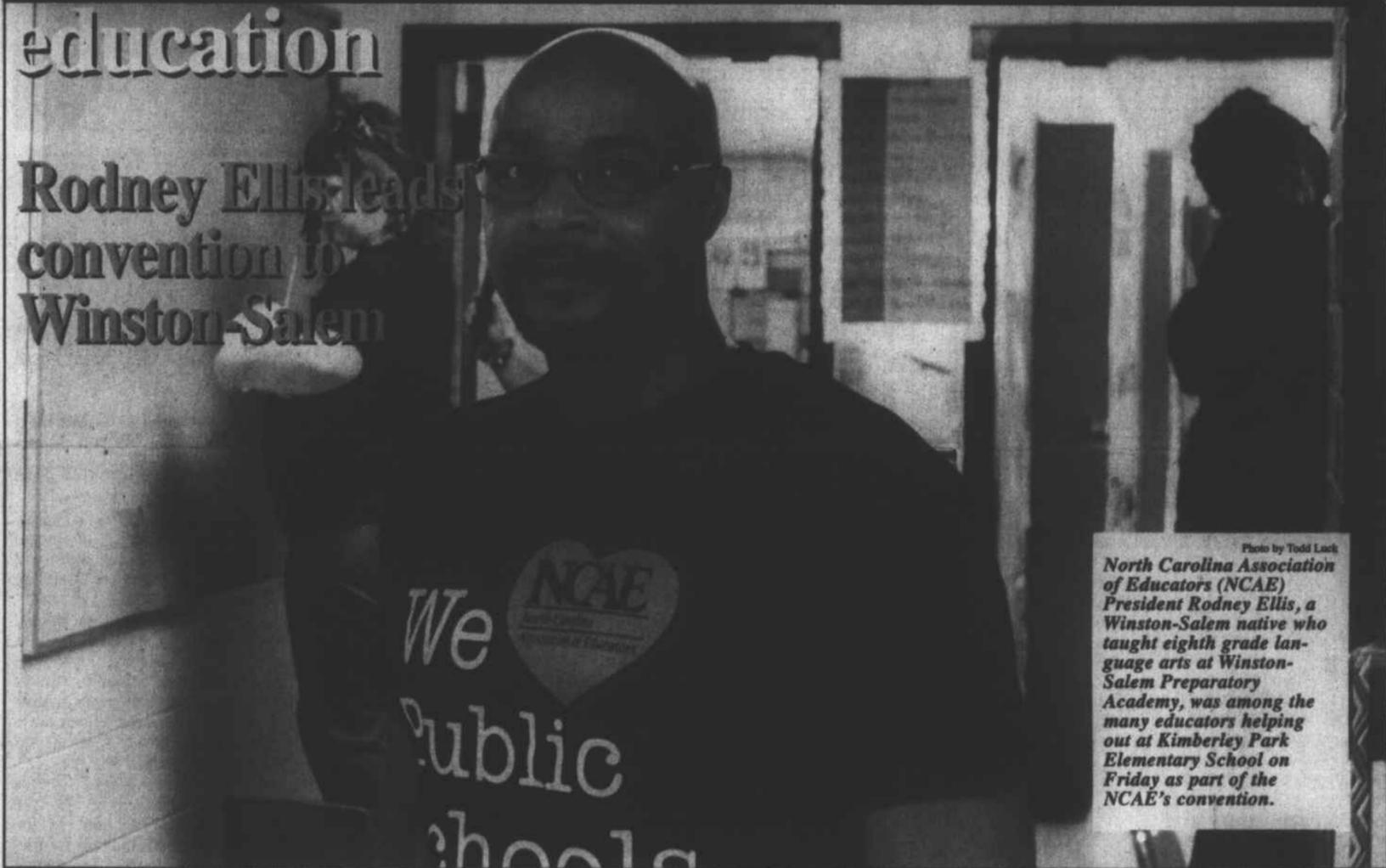


Photo by Todd Luck  
North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) President Rodney Ellis, a Winston-Salem native who taught eighth grade language arts at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy, was among the many educators helping out at Kimberley Park Elementary School on Friday as part of the NCAE's convention.

BY TODD LUCK  
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People cleaning up in schools might not seem unusual, until you realize the people are educators. Members of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) did just that during the 46th annual convention in Winston-Salem.

About 500 educators attended the convention at downtown Embassy Suites on Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19.

On Friday, attendees spent the afternoon doing service projects at local schools. About 100 educators did things like yard work, staining benches, waterproofing the school's outdoor stage, painting, organizing library books and decorating bulletin boards and classroom

doors at Kimberley Park Elementary School. At Hall-Woodward Elementary School nearly 50 educators tutored students.

"As part of our convention we decided this year to get out into the communities and do some work," said NCAE President Rodney Ellis, a Winston-Salem native who taught eighth grade language arts at Winston-Salem

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## RaVonda Dalton-Rann to retire from WSSU

### Number of freshman accepted increases 30%

BY TEVIN STINSON  
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At the Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) Board of

Trustees meeting, a variety of news was announced.

RaVonda Dalton-Rann, executive assistant to the chancellor and university secretary, was honored for her 15 years of service. Dalton-Rann is set to retire later this year.

Dalton-Rann has supported five chief administrators. In this position, she manages the opera-

tions of the Office of the Chancellor and serves as liaison to the university Board of Trustees.

She has been employed as a college administrator, television promotion officer, school teacher and researcher and has served on several nonprofit boards.

WSSU also announced that the number of incoming freshman

accepted into the university has increased by 30 percent since last fall.

During a Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, March 18, Provost Brenda Allen said 2,549 high school seniors have been accepted for the fall 2016 semester.

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