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Regents Elect Officers for Coming Year

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents re-elected two officers and chose a third to lead the public higher education governing board for the coming year.

Randy Schaefer of Madison was re-elected as president, while Bob Sutton of Pierre was chosen again as the regents' vice president.

Newly elected as board secretary was Kevin Schieffer of Sioux Falls. Schieffer was first appointed in 2013 to the Board of Regents. Earlier this year, he was reconfirmed by the South Dakota Senate for a full six-year term through 2021.

Schieffer succeeds Regent Terry Baloun as secretary. Baloun will retire from the board at the end of the week. He leaves the Board of Regents after 12 years of service. Baloun was president of the board in 2009-11 and also served as its vice president and secretary. A native of Faulkton, Baloun is retired from the Wells Fargo banking system and lives in Sioux Falls.

“Regent Baloun is a strong advocate for the public university system,” President Schaefer said. “He helped lead initiatives to promote strong academic standards, develop innovative ways to allocate resources, and strengthen relationships with state policymakers. We thank him very much for his dedicated service to South Dakota.”