

► **Swampscott Middle School**

New principal will be named Monday

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SWAMPSCOTT — Superintendent Matthew Malone yesterday said he will announce his choice for Swampscott Middle School's new principal on Monday.

Malone missed his self-imposed Feb. 1 deadline for picking retiring Middle School Principal Ron Landman's successor, but there is a reason.

"I'm still evaluating the candidates," he said yesterday.

A field of more than 20 applicants has been narrowed to three — Bruce Kaneb, assistant principal of Manchester Essex Regional Middle/High School; Martha Kelleher,

assistant principal/athletic director of Swampscott High School; and Sandra Rivers, assistant principal of Swampscott Middle School.

An 11-member search team, composed of teachers, parents and an administrator, recommended the finalists for Malone's consideration. Last week, the candidates fielded questions from community members at a public forum at the middle school.

Landman will depart at the end of the school year after 17 years as the principal. His vacancy is one of two principalships the district is looking to fill. Malone is also in the early stages of searching for a high school principal. Carol Blotner is serving in an interim capacity.