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**EDUCATION****Meetings of Parents**

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH JULY 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER ARTICLES 8 AND 125 OF AND SCHEDULE 4 TO THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Department of Education in exercise of the powers vested in it by Articles 8 and 125 of and Schedule 4 to the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a), hereinafter referred to as "the Order", and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Meetings of Parents (Controlled Schools) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1974.

2. The Meetings of Parents Regulations (County Primary and Intermediate Schools) 1948(b) are hereby revoked.

3. In these Regulations—

"board" means the education and library board responsible for the appointment of the school management committee for which nominations are to be made in accordance with these Regulations.

4. To enable persons to be nominated under paragraph 2(b), 3(b) or 4(b) of Schedule 4 to the Order to the school management committee of one or more than one controlled school the board shall call a meeting of the parents of the children attending the school or schools.

5. The meeting shall be held at such time and place as the board considers convenient to the parents.

Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given in such manner as the board considers suitable and sufficient to the parents of the children attending the school or schools at least 7 days prior to the holding thereof.

6. The board shall nominate a clerk of the meeting and the clerk shall make a report of the proceedings to the board.

7. The quorum of the meeting shall be one-tenth of the parents entitled to attend or 50 of such parents whichever is the less and the parents present shall elect one of themselves to be chairman of the meeting.

8. The clerk shall inform the meeting of the requisite number of persons to be nominated at the meeting.

9. Where more than the requisite number of persons are proposed for nomination at the meeting a vote shall be taken and the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be removed and a fresh vote or as the case may be fresh votes shall be taken until the requisite number of persons remains.

10. Voting shall be by show of hands provided that the chairman or 3 or more of the parents present may call for a poll in which case the names of those voting for and those voting against each person proposed for nomination shall be recorded in the report of the proceedings of the meeting.

11. Where there is an equal division of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

12. Nominations made at a meeting shall not be void necessarily by reason only of irregularities in the conduct of the meeting and notwithstanding any such irregularities the persons nominated may be appointed by the board to the school management committee.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education for Northern Ireland this 19th day of July 1974.

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G. I. Dent,  
Deputy Secretary.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations provide for the procedure to be followed in connection with meetings held to nominate persons to represent parents on the management committees of controlled schools.