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EDUCATION

Meetings of Parents (Controlled Schools) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1976

Made 16th June 1976

Coming into operation 1st August 1976

The Department(a) of Education (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 8(2) and 125 of and Schedule 4 (as amended by Article 14 of and the Schedule to the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(b)) to the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(c) (hereinafter referred to as “the Order”) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Meetings of Parents (Controlled Schools) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1976.

Revocation

2. The Meetings of Parents (Controlled Schools) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974(d) 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.

Duty of board to call meeting

4. To enable persons to be nominated under paragraphs 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 pupils attending the school or schools or, where two or more schools are grouped under one committee and the board so determines, a meeting in respect of each such school of the parents of the pupils attending that school.

Time and place of meeting

5. Each meeting shall be held at such time and place as the board considers convenient to the parents, and notice of that time and place shall be given in such manner as the board considers suitable and sufficient to the parents of the pupils attending the school or schools concerned at least seven days prior to the holding of the meeting.

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) S.I. 1976/58 (N.I. 2)

(c) S.I. 1972/1263 (N.I. 12)

(d) S.R. 1974 No. 172 (I, p. 724)

Quorum and election of chairman

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

Nomination and duties of clerk

7. The board shall nominate a clerk of each meeting, who shall—

- (a) make a report of the proceedings of the meeting to the board; and
- (b) inform those persons present at the meeting of the requisite number of persons to be nominated at that meeting.

Procedure for voting

8.—(1) Where more than the requisite number of persons are proposed for nomination at a 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.

(2) Voting shall be by show of hands provided that the chairman or three or more of the parents present may call for a poll in which case the names of those voting for each person proposed for nomination shall be recorded in the report of the meeting.

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

Effect of irregularities in meetings

9. Nominations made at a meeting shall not be void necessarily by reason only of irregularities in the conduct of the meeting and unless otherwise directed by the Department or by any court in proceedings before it 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 on 16th June 1976.

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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.