

Meetings to be called in default of first or annual meetings.

Order of business.

Proceedings at election of School Trustee.

Chairman, duties of.

When voter is objected to.

Declaration.

15. In case, from the want of proper notice or other cause, any first or annual school meeting, required to be held for the election of trustees, was not held at the proper time, the inspector, or any two ratepayers in the district, may call a school meeting, by giving six days' notice, to be posted in at least three of the most public places in the school district; and the meeting thus called shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the meeting in the place of which it is called. R. S. O., c. 225, s. 16; 44 Vic., c. 4, s. 21; 47 Vic., c. 37, s. 6.

16—(1) The electors of such school district present at such meetings shall elect one of their own number to preside over its proceedings, and shall also appoint a secretary, who shall record the proceedings of the meeting, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by this Act.

(2) The business of such meeting may be conducted in the following order:—

(a) Receiving the annual report of the trustees, and disposing of the same;

(b) Receiving the annual report of the auditor or auditors, and disposing of the same;

(c) Electing an auditor for the current year;

(d) Miscellaneous business;

(e) Electing a trustee or trustees to fill any vacancy or vacancies. R. S. O., c. 225, s. 17; 44 Vic., c. 4, s. 17; 47 Vic., c. 37, s. 5.

17. The election of trustees shall proceed by way of nomination, each nomination requiring a mover and seconder, both of whom must be present and qualified electors. Nominations shall be kept open until eleven o'clock in the forenoon. In case, at the said hour of eleven o'clock, the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, then the chairman shall declare the person or persons so nominated to be elected. In case the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, a show of hands shall be taken, and the person or persons having the majority of votes shall be declared elected by the chairman, should no ratepayer demand a poll. If a poll is demanded by a ratepayer present, the chairman shall be the returning officer, and shall open the poll forthwith. The secretary shall record the votes given. The poll shall be closed at four o'clock in the afternoon. Provided, that if at any time one hour elapse during such poll without a vote having been recorded, the poll shall then be closed. After the poll is closed the chairman shall declare the person or persons receiving the highest number of votes elected. R. S. O., c. 225, ss. 19, 20-22.

18. The chairman shall preside and submit all motions to the meeting in the manner desired by the majority. In case of an equality of votes, he shall give the casting vote, but no other vote. He shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the meeting. R. S. O., c. 225, s. 18.

19. In case an objection is made to the right of any person to vote at any annual or special meeting, either for trustee or upon any school question, the chairman of the meeting, or other officer presiding, shall require the person whose right of voting is objected to, to make the following declaration.

(1) I, A. B., do declare that I am an assessed ratepayer (or farmer's son, as the case may be) in school district

(2) That I am of the full age of 21 years.

(3) That I have the right to vote at this election.

Whereupon the person making such declaration shall be entitled to vote, except as is herein otherwise provided. R. S. O., c. 225, s. 2.