

(6.) Every nomination-paper shall be in the form or to the effect following:—

I, [Name and address], being a parent duly entered on the roll, do hereby nominate [Name and address] as a candidate for election to the Managers of the [Name] Technical School at the election to be held on the            day of           , 19           .

Dated this            day of           , 19           .

[Signature of Nominator.]

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT [to be subscribed at foot of nomination-paper].

I hereby consent to my nomination.

[Signature of Candidate nominated.]

(7.) If the nomination-paper does not bear the written consent of the candidate nominated, such consent may be given by him to the Returning Officer before the nominations are closed, and every nomination-paper shall be void in so far as concerns any candidate whose written consent is not duly given as aforesaid.

(8.) Nominations shall close at noon on the tenth day before the day of the election.

(9.) If the number of nominations received does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare the candidate or candidates so nominated to be duly elected. In all other cases he shall, as soon as the nominations are closed, prepare and post to each elector at his address as appearing on the roll a voting-paper containing in alphabetical order of surnames a list of all the duly nominated candidates, and such voting-paper shall be in the form or to the effect following:—

Voting-paper for use at election to be held on the            day of           , 19           , of members of the Board of Managers of the            Technical School.

CANDIDATES.

Set out in alphabetical order of surnames the full name of every duly nominated candidate.]

[Signature of Voter.]

DIRECTIONS.

The number of candidates to be elected is [Specify the number].

The voter is required to cross out the name or names of the candidate or candidates for whom he does not desire to vote.

The number of candidates whose names are not thus crossed out must not exceed the total number of candidates to be elected.

The voting-paper must be signed by the voter and enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing on the outside thereof the words "Voting Paper," and if posted to the Returning Officer must be posted on or before the day of election, or, if delivered to him, shall be delivered at his office at            before the day of election, or not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

(10.) The poll shall close at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the day of election, but all voting-papers shall be included and counted which are not informal and are received by the Returning Officer in due course of post before the close of the sixth day after the day of the election.

(11.) A voting-paper shall be informal in any of the following cases, that is to say:—

- (a.) If it is not duly signed by the parent; or
- (b.) If the number of candidates whose names are not crossed out exceeds the total number of candidates for whom the person is entitled to vote, or if in any other way the paper fails to indicate clearly for whom the vote is intended to be given; or
- (c.) If, being delivered to the Returning Officer, the sealed envelope containing the voting-paper is not delivered at his office before the close of the poll; or
- (d.) If, having been forwarded by post, the sealed envelope containing the voting-paper is not received at the office of the Returning Officer before the close of the sixth day after the day of election; or if, from the postmark on the envelope or otherwise, the Returning Officer is satisfied that it was not posted until after the day of the election.

(12.) On the seventh day after the day of election the Returning Officer shall open and examine all voting-papers duly delivered to him, or received by him through the post as aforesaid, and, after rejecting all informal voting-papers, shall ascertain the candidates (not exceeding the total number to be elected) who have received the greatest number of votes, and shall declare such candidates to be elected.

(13.) If, by reason of an equality of votes given for two or more candidates, the election is not complete, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot, in the presence of two members of the Board of Managers, which candidate or candidates shall be elected, and thereby complete the election.

(14.) Forthwith after the completion of the election the Returning Officer shall notify to the controlling authority the names of the persons elected.

(15.) If any dispute or question arises touching the regularity of any election, such dispute or question shall be determined by the Minister of Education, whose decision shall be final.