

Scheme for the Control of Rotorua High School.

Education Department,
Wellington, 24th March, 1927.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1914 (hereinafter called the "Education Act"), and with the powers thereunder, I, Robert Alexander Wright, Minister of Education, do hereby, on the advice of the General Council of Education, approve of the following scheme for the Rotorua High School (hereinafter called "the school"), established under section 88 of the Education Act, 1914:—

1. The school shall be controlled by a Board of Governors under the name of "The Board of Governors of the Rotorua High School" (hereinafter called "the Board").

2. (1.) The Board shall be constituted as provided by the Education Act, 1914.

(2.) The ordinary term of office of members shall be two years, and every member shall hold office until the appointment or election of his successor.

3. (1.) The members appointed by the Board of Education shall be appointed by a resolution of such Board.

(2.) The member appointed by the Council of the nearest borough shall be appointed by a resolution of the Council.

4. In regard to the election of members of the Board by the parents of the pupils, the following provisions shall apply:—

(1.) Every such election shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Board in accordance with this scheme.

(2.) The Secretary of the Board shall be the Returning Officer.

(3.) For the purposes of each election the Returning Officer shall prepare a roll, and shall enter therein the name, occupation, and address of every person qualified to be enrolled as a parent of a pupil of the school. The roll shall be closed at 5 o'clock on the fourteenth day next before the day on which any election is to be held, and shall continue to be closed until the election is completed.

"Parent" means the parent or guardian having the actual custody or control of a pupil of the school. It includes both the father and mother, if so qualified; or if neither be so qualified then the actual guardian of the pupil; but does not in any case include both a parent and a guardian: Provided that no parent or guardian shall be entitled to be enrolled or to vote if the Returning Officer is satisfied that his usual place of residence is nearer another secondary school by the shortest road or other means of access.

A "pupil of the school" means a pupil whose name is on the school roll, including a pupil of a junior high school forming an intermediate department of the school.

(4.) The Returning Officer shall, by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the district, publicly notify not less than fourteen days before each election—

(a.) The day and hour for the closing of nominations:

(b.) The total number of candidates to be elected:

(c.) The day and hour for the closing of the election.

(5.) Every candidate shall be nominated in writing by one or more parents entitled to vote for his election.

Each such parent may nominate any number of candidates not exceeding the number to be elected.

(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 Board of Governors of the Rotorua High 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 seventh 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.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, the Board shall, at its next meeting, select duly qualified persons to complete the number required.

In all other cases the Returning Officer shall, as soon as the nominations are closed, prepare and post to each elector at his address as appearing on the roll a printed voting-paper containing in alphabetical order of surnames a list of all the duly nominated candidates for whom such parent is entitled to vote; 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 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ROTORUA HIGH SCHOOL.

CANDIDATES.

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

DIRECTIONS.

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

The voter must draw a line through the name of every candidate for whom he does not intend to vote.

The number of candidates whose names are left uncanceled must not exceed

The voting-paper must be posted or delivered to the Returning Officer in a closed envelope bearing on the outside the word "Voting-paper." If posted to the Returning Officer it must be posted on or before the day of election, and, if delivered to him, must be delivered at his office, Street, before the day of election, or not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

(10.) Before posting the voting-papers the Returning Officer shall write upon a corner of the back thereof his initials and the number appearing on the roll against the name of the voter, and after securing the said corner by gum or otherwise shall place thereon an official mark.

(11.) 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 second day after the day of the election.

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

(a.) If the elector votes more than once at the same election;

(b.) If the candidates whose names are left uncanceled exceed in number the total number of candidates for whom the person is entitled to vote;

(c.) If in any other way the paper fails to indicate clearly for whom the vote is intended to be given; or

(d.) 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

(e.) 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 second day after the day of election, or if, from the post-mark on the envelope or otherwise, the Returning Officer is satisfied that it was not posted until after the day of the election;

(f.) If it does not bear the official mark and there is reasonable cause to believe that it was not issued to the voter by the Returning Officer;

Provided that a voting-paper shall not be deemed informal if in the opinion of the Returning Officer the intention of the voter in voting is clearly indicated.

(13.) On the third 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.