

Regulating Election of Members to the New Plymouth High School Board.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 10th day of May, 1928.

Present:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE J. G. COATES, P.C., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Local Legislation Act, 1927, and of all other powers enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations prescribing the terms for which the several members of the New Plymouth High School Board shall be appointed or elected under section seventy-four of the Local Legislation Act, 1927, fixing the dates for the making of appointments or the holding of elections, prescribing the manner of conducting the elections, and, with the like advice and consent, doth prescribe that, except where otherwise expressly provided for herein, this Order shall come into force on the date of publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

REGULATIONS.

1. IN these regulations, where not inconsistent with the context,—

“The said Act” means the Local Legislation Act, 1927:

“The Minister” means the Minister of Education:

“The Board” means the New Plymouth High School Board:

“Member” means a member of the New Plymouth High School Board:

“Registered association of employers in local industries” means any association of employers in local industries registered by the Board as an electing authority under the Act:

“Registered association of employees in local industries” means any association of employees in local industries registered by the Board as an electing authority under the Act:

“Returning Officer” means the Secretary of the Board or such other person as the Board may direct.

APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

2. The member appointed by the Education Board of the District of Taranaki shall be appointed by a resolution of the Education Board, and the name of the member so appointed shall forthwith be notified to the Board, by writing under the hand of the Secretary of the Education Board.

3. The member appointed by the New Plymouth Borough Council shall be appointed by resolution of the Council, and the name of the member so appointed shall forthwith be notified to the Board, by writing under the hand of any two Councillors or the Town Clerk of the Council.

4. The member appointed by the Taranaki County Council shall be appointed by resolution of the Council, and the name of the member so appointed shall forthwith be notified to the Board, by writing under the hand of any two Councillors or the Chairman and Clerk of the Council.

5. The Board shall, by writing under the hand of its Secretary, notify the Minister of the name of every member appointed pursuant to any of the foregoing regulations.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS BY PARENTS.

6. The members to be elected by parents of pupils shall be elected in the manner set out as follows, namely:—

(1) Every such election shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Board in accordance with clause 16 of these regulations.

(2) The Secretary of the Board, or such other person as the Board may direct, 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 and address of every person qualified to be enrolled as a parent of a pupil. 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.

(4) The Returning Officer shall, by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the district, publicly notify not less than twenty-one 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 poll.

(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 New Plymouth High School Board 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 the 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 fourteenth 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 NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

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,” and on the inside of the flap of the envelope the signature of the voter. 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) When posting the voting-papers to the several voters the Returning Officer shall enclose with each voting-paper an addressed envelope for the return of the voting-paper, with a place marked on the inside of the flap for the signature of the voter.

(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 seventh 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