

Casual Vacancies.

24. Subject to the provisions of clause 26 hereof, every casual vacancy shall be filled in the same manner and by the same appointing or electing authority as appointed or elected the member whose seat is to be filled.

25. Whenever a vacancy to be filled by appointment occurs it shall be the duty of the Board forthwith to notify the fact to the appointing person or body and to call upon him or it to make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

26. Whenever a vacancy to be filled by election occurs it shall be the duty of the Board to hold an election to fill the vacancy, such election to be held on a day to be fixed by the Board, being not later than fifty days after the vacancy occurs :

Provided that the Board may in its discretion decide that an election to fill a casual vacancy be not held if such vacancy occurs after the month of February in a year in which an ordinary election is held and before the persons elected at such ordinary election assume office.

PART III.—THE GOVERNING BODY.

Powers of the Board.

27. Subject to the provisions of this scheme and of the Education Acts, there shall be vested in the Board the whole control and management of the school, and also the entire superintendence over all the affairs, concerns, and property thereof, with full power to appoint and suspend or dismiss all masters, teachers, lecturers, examiners, and other necessary officers and servants; and in all cases unprovided for by the Education Act or by this scheme it shall be lawful for the Board to act in such manner as shall appear to it best calculated to further the purposes intended to be served by the establishment of the school; and the Board shall, subject to the Education Act and the regulations thereunder, and to this scheme, have full power from time to time to make, alter, and rescind by-laws and rules for defining the courses of study and education in the school, and also for regulating the discipline of the same, the conditions upon which the pupils shall be admitted, and, in general, touching all other matters, purposes, and things regarding the school.

28. The Board may establish or license hostels or boardinghouses for the accommodation of pupils, and may place such hostels or boardinghouses under the charge of teachers of the school or other suitable persons, and shall provide for the inspection of such hostels or boardinghouses.

29. No act or proceeding of the Board or of any committee of the Board or of any person acting as a member of the Board shall be invalid in consequence of there being a vacancy in the membership of the Board at the time of such act or proceeding, or by reason of there being a defect in the appointment or election of any person so acting, or by reason of his being incapable of being appointed or elected.

Meetings.

30. The Board shall hold an annual meeting in the month of June in each year, at such time and place as the Board shall decide.

31. Except as provided by clause 38 of this scheme, at all meetings of the Board the Chairman, or in his absence such member of the Board as the majority of the members assembled shall choose, shall preside, and such Chairman or presiding member shall have a deliberative vote, and in all cases of equality of votes shall also have a casting-vote.

32. At all meetings of the Board a majority of all the members then in office shall constitute a quorum.

33. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Board may make, and may from time to time revoke, vary, or amend, by-laws for the conduct of business at its meetings, for determining how meetings shall be convened and where they shall be held, for the custody and use of the common seal, and for such other like matters as may be requisite for the conduct of the business of the Board.

34. Minutes of the proceedings of the Board shall be regularly entered in a proper book to be kept for that purpose, and at every regular meeting of the Board the minutes of the previous meeting and of any special meetings shall be read over and signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same are read, and the minutes when so signed shall be held to be a true statement and record of the proceedings of the Board for all purposes whatever.

35. All things required by the School Acts or by this scheme to be done by the Board shall be done in accordance with and in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board.