



SD 42 PROCEDURE: 2915.1

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS - CHAIRPERSON and VICE-CHAIRPERSON

1. NOMINATION

(a) Process Approval

Prior to the commencement of the election, the process for the election of the Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be approved at the public Board meeting by Board Resolution.

The Chairperson will call for the following motion:

THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson following the nomination and election procedure.

The Chairperson passes the gavel to the Secretary Treasurer who will chair the meeting during the election process.

(b) Nomination Procedure

- i. The Chairperson will call a first time for nominations, for Chairperson for a one-year term. A seconder will not be required for nominations.
- ii. Each nominee will be asked whether he/she agrees to stand for election and can speak to the nomination.
- iii. The Chairperson will call a second and third time for nominations for Chairperson for a one-year term.
- iv. If after three (3) calls, there is only one nominee for the office, and that nominee accepts, the Chairperson declares that person the duly elected Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows), for a one (1) year period ended the next November.

2. ELECTION PROCEDURE IN PERSON BOARD MEETING

This procedure is used if all trustees are present in person.

- (a) If more than one person is nominated, the Chairperson will call for a motion to appoint scrutineers. The motion will read as follows:

THAT _____ and _____ be appointed scrutineers for the election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

- (b) The Chairperson will call on scrutineers to distribute, collect and count the ballots.
- (c) Trustees will vote by secret ballot.
- (d) Scrutineers will report the results of each ballot only to the Chairperson of the meeting, who shall announce the Trustee who has received the majority of the votes cast.
- (e) The Trustee receiving the majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. In accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*, if on the first or subsequent ballots a nominee does not receive a majority, voting for the office with all nominees remaining on the ballots shall continue until a majority vote is obtained for a single candidate. Should no candidate receive such clear majority, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the first ballot shall be dropped from the list and a second ballot, and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held in like manner until one (1) candidate receives a clear majority of the votes cast and such candidate shall thereupon be declared to be elected.
- (f) The Chairperson will then call for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education for a one (1) year term and repeat the nomination process outlined above.
- (g) If ballots were required, the Chairperson will call for the following motion:

THAT the scrutineers destroy the ballots for the election of either Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, or both and that the scrutineers are discharged with gratitude.
- (h) The Chairperson will then pass the gavel to the newly elected Chairperson who will conduct the balance of the meeting.

3. ELECTION PROCEDURE IN ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING

This procedure is used if the board meeting has been convened by electronic means.

- (a) If more than one person is nominated, the Chairperson will call for a motion to appoint scrutineers. The motion will read as follows:

THAT _____ and _____ be appointed scrutineers for the election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- (b) The Chairperson will call on scrutineers to set-up and launch an online anonymous poll for the election of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and count the votes cast.
- (c) Trustees will vote by online anonymous poll.
- (d) Scrutineers will report the results of each vote only to the Chairperson of the meeting, who shall announce the Trustee who has received the majority of the votes cast.
- (e) The Trustee receiving the majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. In accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*, if on the first or subsequent ballots a nominee does not receive a majority, voting for the office with all nominees

remaining on the ballots shall continue until a majority vote is obtained for a single candidate. Should no candidate receive such clear majority, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the first ballot shall be dropped from the list and a second ballot and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held in like manner until one (1) candidate receives a clear majority of the votes and such candidate shall thereupon be declared to be elected.

(f) The Chairperson will then call for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education for a one (1) year term and repeat the nomination process outlined above.

(g) If ballots were required, the Chairperson will call for the following motion:

THAT the scrutineers delete the online poll results for the election of either Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, or both and that the scrutineers are discharged with gratitude.

(h) The Chairperson will then pass the gavel to the newly elected Chairperson who will conduct the balance of the meeting.

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