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## Nomination and Annual Organizational Meeting

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### 1. Time and Place

Each year at the regular November meeting of the Board, the Board shall, by resolution, set the date, time and place for the nomination meeting to organize the Board for the following year.

### 2. Election Returns

Every fourth year, the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board shall call the trustees to order and, shall proceed to read the returns of the municipal elections.

### 3. Nominating Meeting

The nominating meeting will be chaired by the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board. The Nominating Committee, composed of all Board members, shall meet prior to the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board to prepare a slate of nominees for the positions of:

- a) Board Chair
- b) Board Vice-Chair
- c) Chair of the Committee of the Whole
- d) Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole
- e) OPSBA Director and Voting Delegate
- f) OPSBA Alternate Director and Alternate Voting Delegate

The Director of Education and Secretary of the Board as Chair of the Annual Organizational Meeting will present the Nominating Committee's Report and ask for nominations from the floor. If any other nominees are received, an election shall take place for the position involved, following the procedure set out in 4(c).

If no other nominees are received, the chair shall request a vote on the slate of nominees, as presented by the Nominating Committee.

### 4. Election of the Slate of Nominees

#### a) Appointment of Scrutineers

The director of education will nominate two superintendents to the board to be approved to act as scrutineers.

#### b) Nominations

Nominations will be made verbally from the floor and a seconder is not required.

#### c) Election Procedures

In the event of two or more nominees for an eligible position, a ballot shall be distributed to each trustee. If this ballot results in a clear majority (over 50% of those present), the trustee is declared elected for the position. If no trustee has a clear majority, the person receiving the lowest number of votes is dropped and the balloting continues on the remaining names on this same plan, until one individual receives a clear majority.

In the event of an equality of votes between the final two candidates for a position, the position shall be determined by lot through the drawing of straws. The candidate that draws the long straw will be appointed to the position.

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**5. The Striking Committee**

- a) Immediately following the elections, the Board Chair shall assume the chair to-facilitate the organization of a Striking Committee.
- b) The Striking Committee shall consist of the Board Chair, the Vice-Chair and four trustees. Within the four-year term, each trustee shall serve at least once on the Striking Committee.
- c) Each year trustees shall be determined by draw, to serve on the Striking Committee.
- d) The Board Chair shall automatically be Chair of the Striking Committee.
- e) The Striking Committee shall meet immediately following adjournment of the organizational meeting to nominate representation on the statutory and standing committees and to consider the appointment of Board representatives to such other organizations who extend to the Board the privilege of appointing one or more representatives.
- f) The Chair of the Striking Committee shall present its report at the Inaugural Meeting of the Board.
- g) The Striking Committee will serve for a year, at the call of the Chair.