

shall retire, but, with these exceptions, the ordinary term of office of each Governor shall be three years, or until the appointment or election of his successor.

Retiring Governors shall be eligible for reappointment.

7. (1.) If any Governor—

- (a.) Dies, or, by letter to the Board of Governors, resigns his seat; or
- (b.) Becomes bankrupt or of unsound mind; or
- (c.) Fails, without leave of absence previously granted, to attend at three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Governors—

he shall thereupon cease to be a Governor, and the vacancy thereby occurring shall be deemed to be a casual vacancy.

(2.) Every casual vacancy shall be filled up in the same manner and by the same appointing authority as in the case of the vacating Governor: Provided that the member appointed shall hold office only for the residue of the term of the vacating member.

(3.) Whenever a casual vacancy occurs it shall be the duty of the Board forthwith to report the fact to the Minister of Education if the vacancy is to be filled by the Governor, or to the Secretary to the Wanganui Education Board if the vacancy is to be filled by such Board.

8. (1.) The appointment of a Governor to fill up a vacancy caused by the expiry of the ordinary term of office shall be made in the first week of the month of December next preceding such expiry, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, but shall not take effect until such expiry.

(2.) The appointment of a Governor to fill up a casual vacancy shall be made not later than sixty days after the vacancy occurs.

9. The Board shall hold an annual meeting in the month of February or March in each year, at such time and place as the Board shall direct.

10. At its first meeting, and from time to time thereafter as may be necessary, the Board shall appoint a Secretary, and shall appoint him or some other person with authority to receive and to pay moneys on its account. The Board shall in each case forthwith inform the Minister of such appointment.

11. (1.) The Board shall hold its first meeting at such time and place as the Minister shall appoint.

(2.) At such meeting, and thereafter at the annual meeting, and at such other times as may be necessary, the Board shall elect a Chairman.

(3.) During the first election of Chairman a person appointed by the Minister shall preside, and during every subsequent election of Chairman the Secretary to the Board of Governors shall preside. The person presiding shall have no vote; ties shall be decided by lot.

(4.) The Chairman's ordinary term of office shall be one year, and he shall be eligible for re-election.

(5.) If the Chairman shall from any cause cease to be a member of the Board or resign the office of Chairman, the Board shall as soon thereafter as conveniently may be elect another member of the Board to be Chairman in his stead, who shall hold office only until the next annual election of a Chairman as hereinbefore provided.

12. 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.

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

13. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, there shall be vested in the Board the whole control and management of the Palmerston North High School, and also the entire superintendence over all the affairs, concerns, and property thereof, with full power to appoint and dismiss all masters, teachers, lecturers, examiners, and other necessary officers and servants; and in all cases unprovided for by the Act and the regulations thereunder, 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 such school; and the Board shall, subject to the Act and the regulations thereunder, and to this scheme, have full power from time to time to make, alter, and rescind by-laws and regulations for defining the course of study and education in the school, and also for regulating the discipline and examination of the same, the conditions upon which the scholars shall be admitted, and the fees to be paid in respect of such admission, and, in general, touching all other matters, purposes, and things regarding the school.

14. (1.) The curriculum shall be framed so as to provide suitable secondary education for pupils intended for professional, agricultural, commercial, technical, and domestic occupations, and may include, subject to clause 15 hereof, with the sanction of the Board, any or all of the subjects named in the regulations under the Act, and such other subjects as the Minister may from time to time approve.

(2.) The programme of each pupil shall be determined by the headmaster of the school after consultation with the parents or guardian of the pupil; but no pupil shall be compelled to take Latin or to take more than one language besides English.

(3.) The net fees to be charged to those who are not holders of scholarships or free places shall be £10 per annum.

(4.) The school year shall consist of three terms of about thirteen weeks each.

(5.) The headmaster shall examine the school at the end of each term, provided that it shall not be necessary for him to examine the school in any term in which it is examined by some other person appointed by the Minister or the Board.

15. Subject to the general direction of the Governors—

(1.) The headmaster shall have control of the school buildings and premises and of the apparatus and furniture thereof.

(2.) He shall have the power to recommend the appointment or dismissal of assistant teachers or of other officers of the school, and to allot their several duties; and no assistant teacher or other officer of the school shall be appointed until the headmaster has been consulted.

(3.) He shall have the power in case of grave neglect of duty or of gross misbehaviour to suspend any assistant teacher or other officer, but shall forthwith report his action to the Chairman, who shall thereupon confirm or overrule his action until the next meeting of the Board, when the matter may be determined; but the action of the headmaster shall hold good until the Chairman or the Board has determined the matter.