

nated within the time and in the manner aforesaid.

The Returning Officer shall decide whether any nomination is valid, and his decision shall be final.

10. Eight clear days at least before the day fixed for the election, the names, places of abode, and designations, of the several candidates nominated as aforesaid shall be published by the Returning Officer.

11. After delivery of a nomination paper, but not less than six clear days before the day fixed for the election, any candidate may be withdrawn by the delivery at the place appointed, of a notice of such withdrawal, addressed to the Returning Officer, and signed by the candidate.

Such notice shall be delivered not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the last day on which it may be received.

12. If the number of candidates, nominated and not withdrawn as aforesaid, shall equal, but not exceed, the number of members to be elected, such candidates shall be deemed to be elected on the day fixed for the election, and the Returning Officer shall on that day publish a list of the names, with the places of abode and designations, of the persons so elected, and such publication shall be conclusive evidence of the election.

13. If the number of candidates, nominated and not withdrawn as aforesaid, shall be less than the number to be elected, but sufficient to constitute a quorum of the School Board, the Returning Officer shall, on the day fixed for the election, declare such candidates to be duly elected, and shall publish a list of the names, with the places of abode and designations, of the persons so elected; and they shall, at their first meeting, nominate and appoint as many persons to be members of the School Board as shall be necessary to make up the full number of members, and shall give notice of such appointment to the Scotch Education Department, and to the Board of Education.

If the number of candidates so nominated, and not withdrawn, shall not be sufficient to constitute a quorum, the Returning Officer shall report to the Scotch Education Department that no election has taken place.

Three members constitute a quorum of a School Board.

14. If after the time hereinbefore limited for the withdrawal of any candidate, more persons remain as candidates than there are members to be elected, the Returning Officer shall forthwith publish the names, places of abode, and designations of the several candidates, and give notice that a poll will be taken on the day fixed for the election, between the hours specified in such notice.

15. The School Board shall determine the number and situation of the polling-stations, and for the purposes of this election, may cause their district to be divided into polling divisions. The Returning Officer shall cause the boundaries of such divisions, and the number and situation of the polling-stations, to be published not less than three clear days before the day fixed for the election.

No public-house shall be used for a polling-station, or for the purposes of an election.

16. If the district of a School Board is divided into polling divisions, each voter shall give his vote in the polling division in which the property in respect of which he is entitled to vote is situate,

and if it is situate in more than one such division, he shall vote in any one of the divisions in which it is situate.

17. The Returning Officer, or some person or persons appointed by him for this purpose, shall preside at each polling-station, provided that only one person shall preside at the same time.

18. The poll shall be open,

(a) In a Burgh, during the hours prescribed for municipal elections.

(b) In a Parish, during not less than six, nor more than eight, hours, from such hour not later than 12 o'clock noon, to such hour not later than 6 P.M., as the School Board may fix.

19. Subject to the provisions of this order, the poll shall be taken,

(a) In a Burgh, in like manner as a poll at a contested Municipal Election is directed by the Ballot Act, 1872, to be taken; and subject to this Order, the provisions of that Act shall apply to the Election of a School Board, with the substitution of the term 'School Board Election' for the term 'Municipal Election.'

(b) In a Parish, in the manner prescribed in the Schedule (A) annexed to this Order.

20. In case of an equality of votes, the Returning Officer shall determine the person to be elected.

21. The Returning Officer shall publish notice of the result of the poll and of the names, with the places of abode and designations, of the persons elected.

22. The Returning Officer shall, in every case transmit to the Scotch Education Department, and to the Board of Education, a copy of the list which he publishes, showing the result of the Election.

23. The Returning Officer shall deliver the Ballot Papers in a sealed cover to the Clerk of the School Board, to be kept among the records of the Board, subject to the direction of the Scotch Education Department.

24. Notice of the election of a person to be a member of a School Board shall be sent to that person by the Returning Officer, together with a notice to attend the first Meeting of the School Board, at a place and time to be prescribed before the election by the School Board; and that time shall be not later than fourteen days after the date of the election.

25. The expenses incident to the election (but not including the expenses of any candidate) shall be paid by the School Board out of the School Fund. Provided that if any question shall arise as to such expenses, such question shall be referred to the Scotch Education Department, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

26. Notices and other matters required by these regulations to be published, shall be published.

(a) In a Burgh, by advertisement in the local newspapers, or in such other manner as public notices are usually published.

(b) In a Parish, by being affixed to the doors of the Parish Church, and of all other places of worship, and of all Public or State-aided Schools within the parish.

27. When the Board of Education shall have decided that any Burgh or Town for which a School Board has been elected, shall cease to have a separate School Board, and shall be included in the area of the Parish in which it is situated, then