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POLICY

The Board of Education of Pacific Rim School District is composed of seven trustees, elected to provide policy direction for the district they serve.

The trustees, elected or appointed under the *School Act* and their successors in office, constitute a Board of Education for the district and a corporation under the name of "The Board of Education of School District 70 (Pacific Rim)". The Board has the rights, powers, duties and liabilities set forth in the *School Act*. Only the legally constituted Board, not committees of trustees or individual trustees, is endowed with such authority.

The Board shall be a policy-making body and direct its appointed officials to administer the educational and business affairs of the School District in accordance with the provisions of the *School Act* and the Regulations, and the School District 70 (Pacific Rim) Policy and Procedures Manual.

Where the conduct of a trustee election is not a municipality's responsibility under section 37 (1) or (2) of the *School Act*, the board of education may contract with the municipality or regional district to carry out all or part of the trustee election on the board's behalf, or in conjunction with the local government's election [*School Act*, section 38 (4)].

(4) A board may enter into an agreement with a local government referred to in section 57 of the *Local Government Act* or section 13 of the *Vancouver Charter*, under which one party to the agreement conducts an election for the other, or in conjunction with an election of the other, in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

In that case, the board may approve its own comprehensive election bylaw or adopt the local government's election bylaw [*School Act*, section 38 (5), with the exception of any provisions relating to nomination deposits, minimum number of nominators, the order of names on ballots by lot and breaking a tie after judicial recount [*School Act*, section 45 (9)]]. Those provisions will only apply in a trustee election if contained in an election bylaw approved by the board of education.

(5) A board that is a party to an agreement under subsection (4) may, by bylaw, provide that the bylaws of the local government respecting elections apply to trustee elections conducted under the agreement.

1.0 ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Seven (7) trustees will be elected (or appointed) for 4-year terms as follows:



CITY AREA AND RURAL AREA

- 1.1 Six (6) trustees who collectively represent the City of Port Alberni, electoral areas A (Bamfield), B (Beaufort), D (Sproat Lake, E (Beaver Creek) and F (Cherry Creek) of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, as the geographic boundaries of School District 70 (Pacific Rim) and the Regional District are coincident.

WEST COAST AREA

- 1.2 One (1) trustee who represents the District of Ucluelet, the District of Tofino, and Electoral Area C (Long Beach) of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. A map, outlining Electoral Area C is attached for guidance.

2.0 APPLICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYLAWS

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 38 (4) of the *School Act*, the Board may enter into an agreement with either the municipality or the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, whereby their Chief Electoral Officer would conduct trustee elections on the Board's behalf.
- 1.2 In the third year of term, no later than June, the governing Board should decide by way of motion whether they shall run the next election themselves, or if they will contract either the municipality or the regional district to run the election on their behalf.
- 1.3 The election bylaws of the local government contracted to run the election, as they may be amended from time to time, shall apply to any trustee election carried out under the agreement with either the municipality or the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District to the extent authorized by section 38 (5) of the *School Act*.

REFERENCES AND RESOURCES:

School Act s. 37(1)(2), 38(4)(5), 45(9)

Local Government Act s. 57

Ministry of Education and Child Care's publication entitled "School Trustee Election Procedures in British Columbia" (11th edition, 2022)

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District's Electoral Map 2022

