

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

MANAGEMENT OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

PART II

SCHEDULE 5 TO THE 1986 ORDER, AS SUBSTITUTED

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Article 11(2).

MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

PART I

MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF MAINTAINED SCHOOL

1.—(1) The trustees of a maintained school shall, notwithstanding anything in any instrument of government of the school, have power to enter into an agreement with the Department that paragraph 2 shall apply in relation to the membership of the Board of Governors of the school; and—

- (a) where an agreement under this paragraph is in force in relation to a school, paragraph 2 shall apply in relation to the membership of the Board of Governors of the school; and
- (b) in any other case, paragraph 3 shall apply in relation to the membership of the Board of Governors of the school.

(2) An agreement under this paragraph shall provide that the Head of the Department, before making an appointment to the Board of Governors of the school under paragraph 2 shall consult—

- (a) in the case of a Catholic maintained school, the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools; and
- (b) in any other case, the Board of Governors of the school.

2.—(1) Where this paragraph applies in relation to the membership of the Board of Governors of a maintained school, the Board of Governors shall, notwithstanding anything in any instrument of government of the school, consist of—

- (a) 9, 18 or 27 persons (in this paragraph referred to as voting members);
- (b) the principal of the school who, subject to sub-paragraph (3), shall be entitled to attend and take part in meetings of the Board of Governors but not to vote on any question; and
- (c) persons co-opted under Articles 122 and 139 of the 1989 Order who shall be entitled to attend and take part in meetings of the Board of Governors but not to vote on any question.

(2) Of the voting members of the Board of Governors—

- (a) four-ninths shall be nominated by the nominating trustees in such manner as the scheme of management of the school may provide, and at least one of the persons so nominated shall, at the time of his nomination, be a parent of a pupil attending the school;
- (b) two-ninths shall be nominated by the board;
- (c) one-ninth shall be nominated by the Head of the Department;
- (d) one-ninth shall be elected by parents of pupils attending the school from amongst the parents of such pupils;
- (e) one-ninth shall be elected by assistant teachers at the school from amongst such assistant teachers.

(3) Where two or more schools are grouped under one Board of Governors, the principal of a school shall not be entitled to attend or take part in any meeting of the Board of Governors whenever a matter relating exclusively to one or more of the other schools is being discussed.

(4) The Board of Governors shall, with the approval of the Department, make arrangements for the election of persons under sub-paragraph (2)(d) and (e) and such arrangements shall ensure that any vote taken for the purpose of any such election shall be by secret ballot.

3.—(1) Where this paragraph applies in relation to the membership of the Board of Governors of a maintained school, the Board of Governors shall, notwithstanding anything in any instrument of government of the school, consist of—

- (a) 10, 18 or 27 persons (in this paragraph referred to as voting members);
- (b) the principal of the school who, subject to sub-paragraph (4), shall be entitled to attend and take part in meetings of the Board of Governors but not to vote on any question; and
- (c) persons co-opted under Articles 122 and 139 of the 1989 Order who shall be entitled to attend and take part in meetings of the Board of Governors but not to vote on any question.

(2) Where there are 10 voting members of the Board of Governors of a maintained school, then of those members—

- (a) six shall be nominated by the nominating trustees in such manner as the scheme of management of the school may provide, and at least one of the persons so nominated shall, at the time of his nomination, be a parent of a pupil attending the school;
- (b) two shall be nominated by the board;
- (c) one shall be elected by parents of pupils attending the school from amongst the parents of such pupils;
- (d) one shall be elected by assistant teachers at the school from amongst such assistant teachers.

(3) Where there are 18 or 27 voting members of the Board of Governors of a maintained school, sub-paragraph (2) shall apply as if for the numbers mentioned in heads (a), (b), (c) and (d) of that sub-paragraph there were substituted the fractions five-ninths, two-ninths, one-ninth and one-ninth respectively.

(4) Where two or more schools are grouped under one Board of Governors, the principal of a school shall not be entitled to attend or take part in any meeting of the Board of Governors whenever a matter relating exclusively to one or more of the other schools is being discussed.

(5) The Board of Governors shall, with the approval of the Department, make arrangements for the election of persons under sub-paragraph (2)(c) and (d) and such arrangements shall ensure that any vote taken for the purpose of any such election shall be by secret ballot.

4.—(1) The coming into force, or termination, of any agreement under paragraph 1 and any consequential change in the membership of the Board of Governors of a school shall not—

- (a) constitute a change for the purposes of Article 14(2)(d) or (e); or
- (b) break, or otherwise affect, the continuity of employment of persons employed by the Board of Governors.

(2) Where an agreement under paragraph 1 in relation to a school is terminated, the voting members of the Board of Governors of the school nominated under paragraph 2(2)(a) and (c) shall cease to hold office and such nominations to the Board of Governors shall be made by the nominating trustees as are necessary to ensure that the membership of the Board of Governors complies with paragraph 3.

(3) Where an agreement under paragraph 1 comes into force in relation to a school, the voting members of the Board of Governors of the school nominated under paragraph 3(2)(a) shall cease to hold office and such nominations to the Board of Governors shall be made by the nominating trustees and the Head of the Department as are necessary to ensure that the membership of the Board of Governors complies with paragraph 2.

(4) Persons nominated to the Board of Governors under sub-paragraph (2) or (3) shall hold office for the remainder of the original term of office of those ceasing to hold office under that provision.

(5) The coming into force, or termination, of an agreement under paragraph 1 does not affect the membership of the Board of Governors of any persons other than those mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) or (3).

PART II

WITHDRAWAL OF MAINTAINED SCHOOL FROM MAINTAINED SCHOOL STATUS

5.—(1) The nominating trustees of a maintained school to which this paragraph applies may at any time give notice to the board requesting that the school should cease to be a maintained school but should continue to be a voluntary school and, where they do so, the school shall, subject to paragraph 6, continue to be a voluntary school but shall cease to be a maintained school—

- (a) on the date specified in the notice but only if on or before that date the nominating trustees have complied with the requirements mentioned in paragraph 6; or
- (b) if those trustees have not complied with those requirements on or before that date, on the date on which they so comply.

(2) The date specified in a notice under sub-paragraph (1) shall not, unless the nominating trustees and the board otherwise agree, be less than two years from the date on which the notice is given.

(3) This paragraph applies only to a school—

- (a) which was recognised as a grant-aided school before 19th October 1967; or
- (b) which the Department is satisfied replaces a school or schools (not being a school which was, or schools one or more than one of which was, a maintained school) so recognised before that date; or
- (c) the proposal to establish which was submitted to the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland before that date for approval.

6. The requirements mentioned in paragraph 5 are—

- (a) that the nominating trustees have repaid to the Department so much of any grant under Article 116 as, in accordance with regulations under paragraph (1) of that Article, is repayable where a school ceases to be a maintained school; and

- (b) that the nominating trustees have paid to the board such amount as may be agreed between those trustees and the board or, in default of agreement, as may be determined by the Department as representing thirty-five per cent. of the value, at the date on which the school ceases to be a maintained school, of—
 - (i) any works of external maintenance of the school carried out by the board or, before 1st October 1973, by a former local education authority; and
 - (ii) any equipment provided by the board or, before 1st October 1973, by a former local education authority.

PART III

INTERPRETATION

7.—(1) In this Schedule—

“assistant teacher” has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 7 of Schedule 4;

“board”, in relation to a school, means the board for the area in which the school is situated or such other board as the Department may determine;

“nominating trustees”, in relation to a school, means such persons as the scheme of management may provide.

(2) Where two or more schools are grouped under one Board of Governors this Schedule shall apply to those schools with such modifications as may be necessary and in particular—

- (a) references to the Board of Governors of a school shall be construed as references to the Board of Governors of the group of schools;
- (b) references to a pupil attending, or an assistant teacher at, a school shall be construed as references to a pupil attending, or an assistant teacher at, one of the schools in the group;
- (c) references to the principal or the instrument of government of a school shall be construed as references to the principal or the instrument of government of each of the schools in the group;
- (d) references to the trustees of a school shall be construed as references to the trustees of each of the schools in the group, acting jointly;
- (e) any other references to a school shall be construed as references to the group of schools.”