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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 1132**

**The Federation of Maintained  
Schools (Wales) Regulations 2014**

**PART 7**

**APPOINTMENT, FUNCTIONS AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

**Election of the chair and vice-chair**

**50.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and to sections 6 (*power to appoint additional governors*) and 13 (*power of Welsh Ministers to appoint additional governors*) of the 2013 Act, the governing body must elect a chair and a vice-chair from among their number annually.

(2) A governor who is paid to work at the federation or at a federated school or who is a pupil at a federated school is not eligible to be chair or vice-chair of the governing body of the federation in question.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), the chair or vice-chair is to hold office until that person's successor has been elected in accordance with paragraph (1).

(4) The chair or vice-chair may at any time resign from office by giving notice in writing to the clerk to the governing body.

(5) The chair or vice-chair ceases to hold office—

- (a) when that person ceases to be a member of the governing body;
- (b) if that person is paid to work at the federation or federated school in question;
- (c) if that person is removed from office in accordance with regulation 52 or replaced by a chair nominated by the local authority pursuant to section 6 of the 2013 Act or the Welsh Ministers pursuant to section 13 of the 2013 Act; or
- (d) in the case of the vice-chair, that person is elected in accordance with paragraph (6) to fill a vacancy in the office of chair.

(6) Where a vacancy arises in the office of chair or vice-chair, the governing body must at its next meeting elect one of its number to fill that vacancy, subject to paragraph (2) and to sections 6 or 13 of the 2013 Act.

(7) Any election of the chair or vice-chair which is contested must be held by secret ballot.

(8) Where the chair is absent from any meeting or there is at the time a vacancy in the office of chair, the vice-chair is to act as chair for all purposes.

(9) Where in the circumstances referred to in paragraph (8) the vice-chair is absent from the meeting or there is at the time a vacancy in the office of vice-chair, the governing body must elect one of its number to act as chair for the purposes of that meeting, subject to paragraph (2).

(10) The clerk to the governing body is to act as chair during that part of any meeting at which the chair is to be elected.