

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BUFFALO TRAIL SCHOOL DIVISION

BYLAW NO. 04-2024

Election Orders

WHEREAS the school division must hold elections in accordance with the Education Act and the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA);

AND in accordance with the LAEA, the school division may determine specific election procedures by resolution and bylaw;

THAT the Board of Trustees determines, in accordance with and as permitted by the LAEA, the following electoral procedural items by both resolution and bylaw;

- 1. THAT, in accordance with Section 2(1) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer be authorized to enter into agreements and/or arrangements with the appropriate local municipalities and jurisdictions within the boundaries of the Buffalo Trail Public Schools for conducting election(s);
- 2. THAT, in accordance with Section 28(1.1) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer may establish one or more locations, in addition to the local jurisdiction officer, where a deputy may receive nominations;
- 3. THAT, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the LAEA, if after nomination day and prior to the opening of the voting stations on election day a candidate for an elected authority dies after being nominated,
 - 3.1. the election for the position for which the deceased candidate was nominated shall be discontinued, and
 - 3.2. the elected authority shall as soon as practicable provide for the holding of a new election for that office.
- 4. THAT, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer be authorized to divide each ward in the school division into voting subdivisions as deemed necessary, and may from time to time alter their boundaries but may not alter them between the time of the giving of notice of an election and the election day;
- 5. THAT, in accordance with Section 37(1) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer may designate more than one voting station for each subdivision and the location of those voting stations for each election;
- 6. THAT, in accordance with Section 46(1) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer may provide that a voting station can be open before 10 a.m.;
- 7. THAT, in accordance with Section 77.1(2) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer is authorized the use of special ballots in wards where so determined by the Returning Officer;
- 8. THAT, in accordance with Section 73(2) and (3) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer is authorized to provide for the holding of an advance vote in wards where so determined by the Returning Officer;

- 9. THAT, in accordance with Section 79(1) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer is authorized to provide for the attendance of two (2) Deputy Returning Officers at the residence of an elector, during the hours the respective ward's advanced voting station is open or at other times as so determined by the Returning Officer, in order to take the votes of an elector who, because of physical incapacity, is unable to attend a voting station or an advance voting station to vote;
- 10. THAT, in accordance with Section 80(1) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer may designate the location of one or more institutional voting stations for each ward, in addition to voting stations designated under s.37;
- 11. THAT, in accordance with Section 85.1(4) of the LAEA, the Returning Officer is authorized to count the special ballot box, advance vote ballot box, and institutional vote ballot box at or after 7:30 p.m. on election day.

Read a first, second and by unanimous co	nsent of all Trustees present, this 18 th day of
December 2024.	
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Board Chair	Secretary Treasurer

Read a third and final time and by unanimous consent of all Trustee present, this 18th day of December 2024.

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