

Information about School Board Election 2024

Election of the school boards



For parents with children enrolled in the Lolland municipal school system

School board elections are held in all Lolland municipality schools.

It is important that as many parents as possible participate in the school board election. The school board makes a number of decisions that are of great importance for the children's schooling.

The election starts with an election meeting at the school as part of the annual general meeting. At the meeting, the election board informs about the rules for the election of the school board.

Who is on the school board?

The International School Board consists of five parent representatives with up to five substitutes. Two staff representatives and two student representatives.

Parents at the International School are elected for two years.

In addition to the elected members, the school principal, and possibly others from management, may attend but only the elected members have the right to vote.

The City Council of Lolland Municipality has decided not to be represented on the school boards.

What does the school board do?

Tasks of the school board

The school board carries out its activities within the goals and frameworks set by the city council and otherwise supervises the school's activities.

For example, the school board:

- lays down principles, for example, the organization of the teaching, cooperation between school and home, how to inform about the students' benefits of their schooling, joint events, etc.
- approves, within the financial framework established for the school, the school budget
- approves teaching aids and sets rules of order
- comments on the employment of managers and teachers
- can give an opinion and make proposals to the city council on all matters relating to the school.
- makes decisions on whether the school should give music, sports or other activities a greater place in the school's everyday life

How do the elections work?

Right to vote and eligibility

The school board's parent representatives are elected by and from persons, who at the time of the election, have custody of children enrolled in the school. See Appendix 2 for exemptions.

Can you be elected?

Anyone who has the right to vote can, in principle, also be elected a member of the school board, but there are exceptions. For example, persons who are employed at the school and are under the leadership of the school principal may not be elected as a parent representative on the school board at this school, but may participate in the election as entitled to vote.

Entry on the electoral roll

The principal of the school makes sure that a list of people who are eligible to vote is drawn up. Call or drop by the school office if in doubt.

Election lists can be viewed at the school office before the election during school hours.

Objections or requests for inclusion on the lists must be submitted to the school principal before the annual general meeting.

Election meetings

It will be stated on Aula when the election meeting (usually part of the school's annual general meeting), will be held at the school.

At the election meeting, the election board provides information on the rules that apply to the school board election.

Eligible parents can nominate at the meeting or additional candidate nominations announced.

Submission of candidate nominations

Candidates are nominated by contacting the school principal either before the election meeting, or at the election. After the meeting a candidate list is created.

How does the voting work?

Peaceful elections

If the candidates notify the election board that an agreement on who are substitutes and which five sit on the board, no election is necessary.

Holding elections

If the conditions for peaceful elections are not met, a ballot vote will be held. The ballot vote will take place in week 23.

When will the new school board take office?

The new school boards will take office on 1 August 2024.

Who oversees the election?

The election board

The election board at the individual school consists of:

- A member appointed by the city council and will be chairman of the election board
- One parent representative (chairman of the outgoing school board)
- The school principal

Appendix 1: The detailed rules for elections to the school board

(From appendix 2 to the Articles of Association Lolland International School)

An election board is set up for each school, which is responsible for conducting the election. The election board consisting of

- a member elected by and among the members of the Children and Schools Committee
- a parent representative
- the principal.

Election of parent representatives

The election takes place in May/June after new elections to the City Council. Prior to the election a 10 day nominations period applies. Candidate selection takes place by contacting the principal.

Voting takes place by ballot. The election board checks and approves the results of the election and publishes the result on the school's website.

Election of student representatives

The school principal is responsible for conducting elections for student representatives to the school board. The student representatives are elected by the student council, which oversees and settles the election. The choice is facilitated by the school. The election takes place at the beginning of the school year in good time before the first board meeting.

Election of employee representatives

The school principal is responsible for the election of employee representatives to the school board. The union representatives for the school's employees supervise and settle the election of employee representatives, which is facilitated by the school. The election takes place at the beginning of March and applies from the beginning of the coming school year.

The election is carried out electronically.

Peaceful election

All elections are conducted as peaceful elections if there are no more candidates than seats. Peaceful elections of parent representatives are conditional on the nominated candidates agreeing on the order of nomination no later than 14 days after the election meeting.

Complaint

Complaints about the election are addressed to the electoral board. Questions of doubt regarding the procedure for the election are decided by the municipal council.

Constitution and appointment of the school board

The board takes office on 1 August after new elections. The principal calls the first meeting. At the board's first meeting, the voting members elect one of the parent representatives as chairman by majority vote. A deputy chairman is elected in the same way. In the event of a tie, the election will be decided by drawing lots.

Supplemental choice

The boards are supplemented by the alternates/substitutes if regular members resign. Supplementary elections are held if there are no more substitutes on the list. If the board of a school with several departments must be supplemented, supplementary elections will only be held if all substitutes have been used, provided that there is not a representative for all departments for the remaining election period.

Appendix 2: Other persons who can vote at school board elections

The following persons are granted the right to vote and stand for election if they make a request to the school principal (cf. the Ministry of Education's Executive Order 1074 of 14/09/2017):

- Persons who have a child enrolled in school provided that the persons have a custody.
- The person who has married the holder of custody of a child enrolled in the school, provided that the holders / holder of custody give their consent.
- Step-parent of a student if the holder / holders of custody of the child agree to this.
- The father of a child enrolled in the school if the paternity has been established and the father lives with the custodial parent and the child.
- The biological parent who does not have a share in custody and who does not live with the holder of custody, cf. no. 4. It is a prerequisite that the holder of custody gives his consent and that no right to vote has been granted to anyone else. pursuant to No. 2.