

the first election, hold office for a period of five years, and thereafter until the first day of August after the expiration of that period. The governors elected by the School Board, the Sheriff, and the Merchant Company shall, in the case of the first election falling to be made by these bodies and the Sheriff respectively, hold office for a period of three years, and thereafter until the first day of August after the expiration of that period. The governors shall, in the case of all elections or appointments subsequent to the first, hold office for a period of five years from and after the expiration of the term of office of their predecessors, except as hereinafter provided. Each election shall be made at a meeting convened and conducted according to the ordinary rules and practice of the electing body. Any governor may be re-elected or re-appointed. The first governors shall be elected as soon as conveniently may be after the date of this Scheme. The clerk or other officer of the governors shall, at least one month before the expiration of the term of office of any governor, give notice to the proper electing body or to the Sheriff, as the case may be, and the electing body or the Sheriff, as the case may be, shall, as soon as conveniently may be after such notice, elect a governor to hold office from the expiration of said term. Any election not made as aforesaid within three months from the date of this Scheme, or from the date of the notice of expiration of a term of office, or from the date of the notice of a vacancy, as hereinafter prescribed, shall in that case be made by the then existing governors.

4-17. Vacancies; Meetings; Chairman; Quorum and Execution of Deeds; Minutes; Power to Appoint Committees; Accounts; Business Arrangements; Casual Profits; Powers of Sale and Investment; Audit.

18. First Meeting.—Within two months from the date of this Scheme, a meeting of the governors shall be held upon the summons of the Clerk of the Directors of the Academy. At this meeting they shall make arrangements for the conduct of business, and shall elect a chairman; but they shall not, at this or any subsequent meeting, transact any business that is not necessary for the immediate administration of the Endowment until the whole of the first governors are elected or appointed.

19-22. Clauses relating to Future Administration and Discharge of Governing Body.

Application of Income.

23. Application of Income.—The governors, after paying the necessary expenses of management and the burdens and taxes affecting the Endowment, shall apply the free income of the Endowment in the manner hereinafter provided.

24. Free Scholarships.—The governors shall apply a sum not exceeding £30 in paying, in whole or in part as they may think fit, the fees of scholars, with books and stationery, at public or State-aided schools in the parish of Ayr, for elementary education as defined in the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Act, 1882. The free scholars shall be children whose parents or guardians, not being in receipt of parochial relief, are in such circumstances as to require aid for providing elementary education, and are persons who, in the opinion of the governors, ought not to be required to apply to the Parochial Board for such aid.

In the case of children under ten years of age, the selection of free scholars shall be made with due regard to merit, as ascertained by such examination, suited to the age of the candidates, as the governors may from time to time prescribe; or in the case of children for whom such examination is unsuitable, by evidence that the children possess such qualifications as to justify their selection; and in the case of children who have been in attendance at school during one or more school years, the governors shall, in making their selection, give special weight to good conduct, attendance, and progress at school during the previous year. The fees in respect of children under ten years of age shall not be paid for more than one school year without re-appointment, and the amount to be expended in paying fees for such children shall not exceed one-third of the amount to be applied under this section.

In the case of children of ten years of age and upwards, the free scholars shall be selected by competitive examinations, which shall be open to all of the same age who are eligible in terms hereof, whether they have or have not previously been beneficiaries; and for such children the school fees may continue to be paid for such period, not exceeding three years, as the governors may determine. If any scholar gain a school bursary his school fees shall no longer be paid under this section.

The governors, at the end of every school year, shall obtain from the teacher or teachers a special report as to the conduct, regularity of attendance, and progress of all scholars whose school fees are paid in whole or in part under this section, and the fees of no scholar shall continue to be paid in regard to whom such report is not satisfactory.

25. School Bursaries.—The governors shall apply an annual sum of not less than £45 in establishing school bursaries, to be called one-half the Ferguson School Bursaries and one-half the Pinmore School Bursaries, each of the yearly value of not less than £5 nor more than £10. These bursaries shall be awarded by competitive examination among pupils attending public or State-aided schools in the burgh or parish of Ayr, who have passed the fifth standard of the present Scotch Code, or such standard as may from time to time be fixed by the Scotch Education Department, pursuant to the Education (Scotland) Acts, as that entitling children to total exemption from the obligation to attend school; and whose parents or guardians are in such circumstances as to require aid for giving them higher education; these bursaries shall be tenable for such period not exceeding three years as the governors may determine at the Ayr Academy.

26. University or Technical School Bursaries.—The governors shall apply an annual sum of not less than £80, in establishing bursaries for university education, which shall be called the Cowan Bursaries, each of the yearly value of not less than £20 nor more than £30. These bursaries shall be awarded by competitive examination among those who have been pupils in the Ayr Academy for at least six months before the date of examination; they shall be tenable for such period, not exceeding four years, as the governors may determine, at any Scottish University. It shall be in the power of the governors to award the said annual sum or such portion of it as they shall think proper, in the event of no fully qualified candidate presenting himself for the