

# Information about School Board Election 2022

## Election of the school boards



## **For parents with children enrolled in the Lolland municipal school system**

School board elections are to be held in all Lolland municipality schools in May/June 2022.

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, and afterwards the parents' council/contact parents discuss the candidate lists.

### **Who is on the school board?**

The International School's school board consists of five parent representatives. Other schools in Lolland municipality either consists of seven parent representatives, for the larger schools, and eight representatives for the village schools (Landsbyordning) which consists of a joint board from the school and daycare.

### **What is the election period?**

Parents at the International School are elected for two years. In other Lolland municipal schools parents sit for four years.

### **Who else is on the school board?**

Two employee representatives and one student representative. These elections take place through a separate election at another time and are presided over by the school principal.

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, as they refer to the Children and Schools Committee (BSU) having two annual meetings with 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
- prepares proposals to the city council on school curricula
- 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.

Examples of what the school board can decide:

- Should music, sports or other activities have a greater place in the school's everyday life?
- Should the SFO children be offered more outdoor activities - possibly activities outside the school area?
- Should students have the opportunity to hold a Shrove Tuesday party?
- Should there be more conversations between student, teacher and parents?
- Should the school do joint student and parent activities on Saturdays?

## How do the elections work?

### Right to vote and eligibility

The school board's parent representatives are elected by the persons who at the time of the election have custody of children enrolled in the school.

In addition, 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 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.

### **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. Eg: A parent who is employed at the school may not be elected as a parent representative on the school board, but may participate in the election with a 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.

The electoral roll can be viewed at the school office from Monday, 1 April 2022 on all school days during school hours.

Objections or requests for inclusion on the lists must be submitted to the school principal no later than Friday 22 April 2022 at 12.00

### **Election meetings**

At the election meeting (usually part of the schools AGM), the election board provides information on the rules that apply to the school board election. The orientation meetings take place at the school.

It will be stated on Aula when the meeting will be held at the school.

Eligible parents can attend the briefing. However, with the approval of the assembly, the election board can give e.g. the local press permission to attend the meeting without the right to speak. When the meeting is over, those present can discuss received proposals for candidates and any nominations, as well as submit additional candidate nominations.

### **Submission of candidate nominations**

Candidates are nominated by contacting the school principal either before the election meeting, at the election meeting or no later than the 22 April 2022.

Candidate lists must be submitted to the school principal or the Staff for School and Day Care, Jernbanegade 7, 4930 Maribo, email [skolerogdagtilbud@lolland.dk](mailto:skolerogdagtilbud@lolland.dk) no later than Friday 22 April 2022.

## **How does the voting work?**

### **Peaceful elections**

If the candidates notify the election board that an election order has been agreed between the candidates, no election will be held. This is subject to the Nomination Board being able to approve the candidate list. In addition, none of the candidates must have expressed a desire for exemption from standing.

### **Holding elections**

If the conditions for peaceful elections are not met, a digital vote will be held. The vote will take place in the period Monday 13 June to Friday 17 June 2022 at 15.00

## **When will the new school board take office?**

The new school boards will take office on 1 August 2022.

## **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

## **Lolland Municipality's rules on the election of parent representatives to school boards - International school variation**

(Appendix 8 to the Articles of Association)

The following rules have been prepared on the basis of the Folkeskole Act of section 43 and BEK no. 1074 of 14/09/2017 on the election of parent representatives.

1. For each school, an election board is appointed with 3 members: a member appointed by the city council, a parent representative (chairman of the outgoing school board) and the school head. The Election Board is responsible for the conduct of the election.
2. Election time: School board elections take place in May / June after new elections to the City Council. Prior to the election, an election meeting is held at each school, followed by 10 days for the nomination of candidates. Candidate selection is done by contacting the school head.
3. Possibility of peaceful election: If the nominated candidates agree on the order of election, no election will be held.
4. Voting: Voting takes place electronically. Each person entitled to vote will be sent an email from a dedicated voting email address. Persons reply to cast a vote.
5. The election board calculates the election and publishes the result on the school's website. Votes will be held for 14 days after the announcement in case of appeal, then deleted.
6. Complaints about the election are addressed to the election board. Doubts regarding the procedure for the election are decided by the municipal council.
7. The school board takes office on 1 August after new elections and is constituted at the first meeting.
8. Supplementary elections are conducted in accordance with "Lolland Municipality's rules on the election of parent representatives to school boards in primary and lower secondary schools", if there are no more deputies on the list who can be convened. If there is a need for an alternate as a representative of a specific department, supplementary elections are only held if all deputies have been used.
9. Eligibility is stated in Executive Order no. 1074 on the election of parent representatives.