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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to establish the Board of Education's procedure for its annual organizational meeting.

2. ORGANIZATION SESSION PROCEDURE

The Somerset County Board of Education will meet in an organizational session for the purpose of swearing in successful candidates, electing officers and making office and committee appointments during the first regular meeting on the third Tuesday in January. Following the swearing in of the newly elected Board member or members, the following officers, in order will be elected: Chairman, Vice Chairman.

A. Process

- (1) **Presiding Over the Meeting** The Secretary-Treasurer of the Board will preside until the Chairman and the Vice Chairman are elected, whereupon the newly elected Chairman will assume the chair.
- (2) **Determination of Chairman and Vice Chairman** The Chairman and Vice Chairman will be determined in the following manner: members interested in either office may nominate themselves or nominate another Board member. If self-nominated, they shall state their reason(s) for seeking the office. After being nominated, the Secretary-Treasurer shall ask the nominee, "Do you accept this nomination?" The officers will be elected by means of an individually recorded vote.
- (3) **Lack of Majority** Should no nominee receive a majority vote of the Board members present and voting, the election will be declared null and void, further nominations may be made and another vote will be taken by means of an individually recorded vote.
- **B.** Other Business Such other items of business will be considered by the Board as scheduled on the agenda.

Annotated Code of Maryland 3-8A-02, 4-106