

ery County shall provide for the election of members of the Board of Education as herein provided. Provisions shall be made for use of voting machines, or, in the alternative, for the use of paper ballots under the conditions herein prescribed. The names of all candidates who have been duly nominated under the provisions of subsection (b) of Section 12 of this Article for election to the several Board of Education offices shall, except in the case of death, be placed on the ballot. The person among the two whose names are placed on the election ballot as candidates for election to the County Board of Education from each council district who receives the largest number of votes, and the two persons among the four whose names are placed on the ballot as candidates for election to the County Board of Education at-large who receive the largest number of votes at said election, shall be declared elected for the respective Board of Education offices. All voting for the County Board of Education members, either in a primary election or in a general election, shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis and on a general county-wide ticket; no designation of party affiliation shall be placed upon any petition for nomination, nor upon any voting machine or paper ballot used at any said primary or general election.

[c] *(d) Vacancy.*—Any vacancy on the said Board in an office filled by an interim incumbent or an elected member resulting from death, resignation, failure to qualify, or any other reason shall be filled by the selection by the remaining members of the Board of a duly qualified person to fill the vacancy. Any person so selected shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacancy or until his successor is elected and qualified.

[d] *(e) Removal.*—The Montgomery County council may remove any member of the Board elected or serving under the provisions of this section for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, or wilful neglect of duty, giving to him a copy of the charges against him, and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel in his own defense, upon not less than ten days notice. If any member of the Board of Education shall be so removed, he shall have the right to a review by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County in a proceeding de novo.

[e] *(f) Compensation.*—No member of said Board of Education shall receive compensation for his services, but shall receive an allowance of \$300.00, annually or such larger sum for travel and other expenses as may be provided by the county council of Montgomery County.

[f] *(g) Powers and duties.*—The County Board of Education of Montgomery County shall perform the functions of county boards of Education as provided by State law and shall have power to adopt bylaws for regulation and administration of schools within the county not inconsistent with State law; provided, however, that all action shall be accomplished after a public meeting, the formal record of which shall likewise be public. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to deny the power of the Board to meet and deliberate in executive session provided, however, that all action of the Board together with the individual vote of each member shall be a matter of formal public record.