

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 34-2.2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-2.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-2.2)

7 Sec. 34-2.2. Local school councils - Manner of operation.

8 (a) The annual organizational meeting of each local school  
9 council shall be held at the attendance center or via  
10 videoconference or teleconference if guidance from the  
11 Department of Public Health or Centers for Disease Control and  
12 Prevention limits the size of in-person meetings at the time  
13 of the meeting. At the annual organization meeting, which  
14 shall be held no sooner than July 1 and no later than July 14,  
15 a parent member of the local school council shall be selected  
16 by the members of such council as its chairperson, and a  
17 secretary shall be selected by the members of such council  
18 from among their number, each to serve a term of one year.  
19 However, an organizational meeting held by members elected to  
20 a local school council under subsection (c-5) of Section  
21 34-2.1 may be held no sooner than January 11, 2021 and no later  
22 than January 31, 2021. Whenever a vacancy in the office of  
23 chairperson or secretary of a local school council shall

1 occur, a new chairperson (who shall be a parent member) or  
2 secretary, as the case may be, shall be elected by the members  
3 of the local school council from among their number to serve as  
4 such chairperson or secretary for the unexpired term of office  
5 in which the vacancy occurs. At each annual organizational  
6 meeting, the time and place of any regular meetings of the  
7 local school council shall be fixed. Special meetings of the  
8 local school council may be called by the chairperson or by any  
9 4 members by giving notice thereof in writing, specifying the  
10 time, place and purpose of the meeting. Public notice of  
11 meetings shall also be given in accordance with the Open  
12 Meetings Act.

13 (b) Members and officers of the local school council shall  
14 serve without compensation and without reimbursement of any  
15 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, except  
16 that the board of education may by rule establish a procedure  
17 and thereunder provide for reimbursement of members and  
18 officers of local school councils for such of their reasonable  
19 and necessary expenses (excluding any lodging or meal  
20 expenses) incurred in the performance of their duties as the  
21 board may deem appropriate.

22 (c) A majority of the full membership of the local school  
23 council shall constitute a quorum, except as provided in  
24 subsection (c-5), and whenever a vote is taken on any measure  
25 before the local school council, a quorum being present, the  
26 affirmative vote of a majority of the votes of the full

1 membership then serving of the local school council shall  
2 determine the outcome thereof; provided that whenever the  
3 measure before the local school council is (i) the evaluation  
4 of the principal, or (ii) the renewal of his or her performance  
5 contract or the inclusion of any provision or modification of  
6 the contract, or (iii) the direct selection by the local  
7 school council of a new principal (including a new principal  
8 to fill a vacancy) to serve under a 4 year performance  
9 contract, or (iv) the determination of the names of candidates  
10 to be submitted to the general superintendent for the position  
11 of principal, the principal and student member of a high  
12 school council shall not be counted for purposes of  
13 determining whether a quorum is present to act on the measure  
14 and shall have no vote thereon; and provided further that 7  
15 affirmative votes of the local school council shall be  
16 required for the direct selection by the local school council  
17 of a new principal to serve under a 4 year performance contract  
18 but not for the renewal of a principal's performance contract.

19 (c-5) If the number of members serving on the local school  
20 council falls below 7 members due to vacancies, then 4 serving  
21 members of whom at least 2 are elected members of the local  
22 school council shall constitute a quorum for the sole purpose  
23 of convening a meeting to fill vacancies through appointments  
24 in accordance with the process set forth in Section 34-2.1 of  
25 this Code. For such purposes, the affirmative vote of a  
26 majority of those present shall be required to fill a vacancy

1 through appointment by the local school council.

2 (d) Student members of high school councils shall not be  
3 eligible to vote on personnel matters, including but not  
4 limited to principal evaluations and contracts and the  
5 allocation of teaching and staff resources.

6 (e) The local school council of an attendance center which  
7 provides bilingual education shall be encouraged to provide  
8 translators at each council meeting to maximize participation  
9 of parents and the community.

10 (f) Each local school council of an attendance center  
11 which provides bilingual education shall create a Bilingual  
12 Advisory Committee or recognize an existing Bilingual Advisory  
13 Committee as a standing committee. The Chair and a majority of  
14 the members of the advisory committee shall be parents of  
15 students in the bilingual education program. The parents on  
16 the advisory committee shall be selected by parents of  
17 students in the bilingual education program, and the committee  
18 shall select a Chair. The advisory committee for each  
19 secondary attendance center shall include at least one  
20 full-time bilingual education student. The Bilingual Advisory  
21 Committee shall serve only in an advisory capacity to the  
22 local school council.

23 (g) Local school councils may utilize the services of an  
24 arbitration board to resolve intra-council disputes.

25 (Source: P.A. 101-643, eff. 6-18-20.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.