

District for the support of Teachers, to supplement the sum provided as aforesaid by the Province and County, and shall also decide whether any and what sum shall be raised for the purchase or building of School houses, for the purchase or improvement of School grounds, or for general School purposes; and shall receive and pass upon the Report of the Trustees.

57. Special meetings may be held (1st) upon the call of the Trustees, to fill an occasional vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees, or for any necessary purpose other than that of voting money; and (2nd) upon the requisition of a majority of the ratepayers of the District, for the purpose of voting money or adding to any amount previously voted for any purpose authorized by this Chapter; notice of which meeting, specifying the objects thereof, shall be given by the Trustees, by posting notices of the time and place thereof in two of the most public places of the District, at least six days before the time of meeting.

58. The Board of Education or the Chief Superintendent shall have power to direct the Inspector to call general or special meetings of the School District, and at such time and at such place in the District as to it or him shall seem fit; and such meeting, if a general meeting, shall have power to transact any business that might be transacted at an annual meeting; and if a special meeting, it shall have power to transact the special business for which it may be called; the like notice shall be given by the Inspector of such meeting, as in the case of the first annual meeting of a District, and such notice shall specify that the same is called by order of the Board of Education or Chief Superintendent, as the case may be.

59. The School accommodation to be provided by the District shall, as far as possible, be in accordance with the following arrangements:—

For a District having fifty pupils or under, a house with comfortable sittings, with one Teacher:

For a District having from fifty to eighty pupils, a house with comfortable sittings, and a good class room, with one Teacher and an Assistant:

For a District having from eighty to one hundred pupils, a house with comfortable sittings and two good class rooms, with one Teacher and two Assistants, or a house having two apartments, one for a primary, and one for an advanced department, with two Teachers; or if one commodious building cannot be secured, two houses may be provided in different parts of the District, with a Teacher in each, one being devoted to the younger children, and the other to the more advanced:

For a District having from one hundred to one hundred and fifty pupils, a house with two adequate apartments, one for a primary and one for an advanced department, and a good class room accessible to both, with two Teachers, and if necessary, an Assistant; or, if the District be long and narrow, three houses may be provided, two for primary departments, and one for an advanced department, the former being located towards the extremes of the District, and the latter at or near the centre:

For a District having from one hundred and fifty to two hundred pupils, a house with three apartments, one for a primary department, one for an advanced, and one for a high school, and at least one good class room common to the two latter, with three Teachers, and if necessary, an Assistant; or, if necessary, Schools may be provided for the different departments in different parts of the District:

And generally, for any District having two hundred pupils and upwards, a house or houses with sufficient accommodation for different grades of primary and advanced Schools, so that in Districts having six hundred pupils and upwards, the ratio of pupils in the primary, advanced and high School departments, shall be respectively about eight, three, and one.

TRUSTEES.

Their term of office, qualification, and corporate rights.

60. There shall be three Trustees for each District, who shall be qualified voters of the School District; and the Trustees in each District shall be a body corporate under the name

of "The Trustees of School District Number _____ in the Parish (or Parishes) of _____, in the County (or Counties) of _____:" and no such Corporation shall cease by reason of the want of Trustees.

61. The Trustees shall remain in office for three years, except that, of the first Board of Trustees, one of their number to be determined by lot at the next annual meeting after appointment, shall go out of office at such meeting; and another to be determined by lot at the second annual meeting after appointment, shall go out of office at such last mentioned meeting.

62. At each annual meeting a Trustee shall be elected in the place of the one whose term of office is about expiring; and the term of every such Trustee shall be three years.

63. A Trustee elected to fill an occasional vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of the person whose place he fills; and any Trustee may with his consent be re-elected, otherwise he shall be exempted from serving for three years next after leaving office.

64. A Trustee may resign his office with the consent in writing of his co-Trustees and Inspector; without such consent, a Trustee refusing to act shall forfeit a sum of twenty dollars, to be collected by any ratepayer of the District and for its use.

65. Every Trustee shall make the following declaration of office before the Chairman of the School meeting:—"I will truly and faithfully to the best of my judgment and ability, discharge the duties of the office of School Trustee;" and if any Trustee shall not make the declaration within ten days after notice of his election, his neglect shall be sufficient evidence of a refusal to serve under the last preceding Section, except that a Trustee acting as such shall be liable to all the duties and responsibilities of a Trustee.

66. If the Chairman of a meeting be elected Trustee, he shall make the declaration before the Secretary of the meeting; and a Trustee appointed by the Inspector shall, within ten days after notice of appointment, make the declaration before the Inspector, or any person by him authorized in writing to take the same.

67. Where a District at the annual meeting fails to elect Trustees, or to fill any vacancy occurring in the Trusteeship, or where a Trustee declines to act, a Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed upon the written requisition of seven ratepayers in the District, by the Inspector, who, in case of a further neglect to act, shall have power to make further appointments.

68. Failure or refusal to take the declaration; refusal or continued failure to attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees when notified; failure or refusal to call the annual meeting or special meetings, or post proper notices thereof; and failure or refusal to perform the duties, or exercise the powers imposed and conferred upon him as a Trustee, after written request shall have been made upon him by the Inspector to perform or exercise the same, shall amongst other things constitute a declining to act under the last preceding Section.

69. The Board of Education, or Chief Superintendent, shall have power to direct the Inspector to exercise the powers conferred upon him by the last two preceding Sections, in respect of the appointment of a Trustee or Trustees, even though no requisition of ratepayers shall have been transmitted to him in that behalf; and in cases where the succession of Trustees required by law shall not have been duly