

pointment, signed by any three resident householders present at such meeting respectively, shall be, and shall be held and taken and deemed to be good and sufficient legal evidence of such appointment, in all matters and questions touching the school or the school district respecting which such appointment shall have been made, or in any manner in which such appointment may come in question.

LVI. Every board of trustees of school districts, appointed under or by virtue of the laws heretofore in force, or to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall keep a book or record, in which their proceedings shall be entered, and the minutes of each appointment hereafter to be made of trustees in any district, after their election as aforesaid; and their names shall be entered and signed by the chairman of the meeting of inhabitants at which such trustees shall have been elected, in such book or record, which shall afterwards be so kept by the trustees as aforesaid; and when so signed, such appointment shall be held and be deemed to be good and valid; and minutes of future meetings and proceedings, elections and re-elections, shall be entered therein, and signed by any three of the trustees for the time being; and the particulars of all assessments made by any such trustees shall be also duly entered, and signed by any three of them; and if any such assessment shall not be paid by any party liable to pay the same, within ten days after a demand thereof made upon or at the residence of the debtor, and after an order thereof made in writing, under the hands of a majority of said trustees, and produced to the debtor, or after the said order, or a copy thereof shall have been left at his dwelling house, that then, and in every such case, the said trustees, or any one or more of them, or such other person as the majority of them may appoint, and in the name of any one or more of the said trustees, may sue and prosecute the debtor before any Court appointed for the recovery of small debts, or Justice of the Peace, by summons or otherwise, under such regulations as are by law prescribed for the recovery of small debts; and it shall be lawful, at the hearing of such cases, for the defendant, if he shall see fit, to plead the inequality of the rate, provided he give notice of his intention so to do, in writing, to the trustee or trustees, or other person in whose name the summons shall have been taken out, within twenty-four hours after the serving of the same; and if he shall so plead, then if shall be lawful for the said Court for the recovery of small debts, of Justice of the Peace before whom the summons shall be returnable, to hear such evidence as may be adduced by either party, and to vary the amount of rate, and make an order for such amount of payment as justice may require; provided nevertheless, that if the defendant making such plea shall have at any time theretofore acquiesced in the justice or equ-

Board of trustees to keep a record of their proceedings.

Particulars of all assessments to entered in minute book.