

12. ANNUAL SCHOOL SECTION MEETINGS.

VI. And be it enacted, That at every annual school section meeting in any Township, as authorized and required to be held by the second section of this Act* [See pages 20 & 40], it shall be the duty of the freeholders or householders of such section, present at such meeting, or a majority of them,—

(1) *Elect Chairman and Secretary.*

Firstly. To elect a Chairman and Secretary, who shall perform the duties required of the Chairman and Secretary by the fifth section of this Act [Page. 22].

(2) *Receive and decide upon the Trustees' Financial Report.*

Secondly. To receive and decide upon the report of the Trustees, as authorized and provided for by the eighteenth clause of the twelfth section of this Act. [See page 43.]†

(3) *Elect a Trustee or Trustees.*

Thirdly. To elect one or more persons as Trustee or Trustees, to fill up the vacancy or vacancies in the Trustee Corporation,

section is not necessary, so long as the duties of the office of Trustee are faithfully performed.

The sixth proviso of the fourteenth section of the Supplementary School Act of 1853 authorizes local Superintendents to investigate School Election complaints within twenty days after the Election. See page 78.

* Trustees are not required to state the ordinary business of an annual meeting in their notices, as the law expressly specifies it. If the trustees have other business to bring forward, they must distinctly state it in their notice, otherwise it cannot lawfully be considered at the meeting. A special school meeting can, however, be called at any time. See twelfth clause of the twelfth section, page 40.

† The Trustees are required to present their yearly school accounts to the Annual Meeting for audit. For neglect of this duty they are personally responsible. Should no exception be taken to the accounts they must be held to be correct. The meeting should see that the vouchers agree with the sums reported to have been paid by the Trustees for the School purposes of the Section.