

Township shall give notice to the person appointed, to call the first school meeting for the election of trustees, of the description and number of such school section.

A meeting in new section to be called within 20 days.

8. The person so appointed shall, within twenty days after receiving such notice, prepare a notice in writing, describing such section, and appointing a time and place for the first school section meeting, and shall cause copies of such notice to be posted in at least three public places in the school section, at least six days before the time of holding the meeting.

Chairman and Secretary to be appointed at meeting.

9. The freeholders and householders of such school section then present, shall elect one of their own number to preside over the proceedings of such meeting, and shall also appoint a secretary, who shall record all the proceedings of the meeting.

Duties of chairman—his casting vote.

10. The chairman of such meeting shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the meeting, and in case of an equality of votes, shall give the casting vote, but he shall have no vote except as chairman.

Mode of recording votes at school meetings.

11. The chairman shall take the votes in the manner desired by a majority of the electors present, but he shall at the request of any two electors, grant a poll for recording the names of the voters by the secretary.

Three trustees to be elected at a first school meeting.

12. At such first school section meeting, the electors present shall by a majority of votes elect from the freeholders or householders in such section, three trustees.

First trustees' term of office.

13. The trustees so elected shall respectively continue in office, as follows :

(1.) The first person elected shall continue in office for two years, to be reckoned from the annual school meeting next after his election, and thence until his successor has been elected ;

(2.) The second person elected shall continue in office one year, to be reckoned from the same period, and until his successor has been elected :

(3.) The third or last person elected shall continue in office until the next ensuing annual school meeting in such section and until his successor has been elected.

Copy of proceedings to be sent to Superintendent.

14. A correct copy of the proceedings of such first and of every annual and of every special school section meeting, signed by the chairman and secretary, shall be forthwith transmitted by the secretary to the local superintendent of schools.*

A school trustee to be annually elected in each section.

15. A trustee shall be elected to office at each ensuing annual school meeting, in place of the one whose term of office is about to expire : and the same individual, if willing, may be re-elected ; but no school trustee shall be re-elected, except by his own consent, during the four years next after his going out of office.

Mode of proceeding at annual meeting.

16. At every annual school section meeting in any township, as authorized and required to be held by the third section of this act, the freeholders and householders of such section present at such meeting, or a majority of them—

Appointment of chairman and secretary.

(1.) Shall elect a chairman and secretary, who shall perform the duties required of the chairman and secretary, by the tenth and eleventh sections of this Act ;

Trustees' financial report to be submitted.

(2.) Shall receive and decide upon the report of the trustees, as required by the twenty-first clause of the twenty-seventh section of this Act.†

Election of School Trustees.

(3.) Shall elect a trustee or trustees, to fill up the vacancy or vacancies in the trustee corporation ;* and

To decide on manner of supporting the school.

(4.) Shall decide upon the manner in which the salaries of the teacher or teachers, and all other expenses connected with the operation of the school or schools, shall be provided for.

[Sections 17 and 18 have been superseded by Section 3 of the new Act.]

Separate school supporters not to vote at Common School meetings.

19. No person subscribing towards the support of a separate school established under the act respecting separate schools and belonging to the religious persuasion thereof, and sending a child or children thereto, shall be allowed to vote at the election of any trustee for a common school in the city, town, village, or township in which such separate school is established.

Place of annual school meeting to be appointed by the trustees.

20. The trustees of each school section shall appoint the place of each annual school meeting of the freeholders and householders of the section, or of a special meeting for the filling up of any vacancy in the trustee corporation occasioned by death, removal,† or other cause, or of a special meeting for the selection of a new school site ; and shall cause notices of the time and place to be posted in three or more public places of such section, at least six days before the time of holding such meeting, and shall specify in such notices the object of such meeting. They may also call and give like notices of any special meeting, for any other school purpose, which they think proper : and each such meeting shall be organized, and its proceedings recorded, in the same manner as in the case of a first school meeting.

Penalty on Trustees for not calling certain school meetings.

21. In case any annual or other school section meeting has not been held for want of the proper notice, each trustee or other person whose duty it was to give such notice, shall forfeit the sum of five dollars, to be sued for and recovered before a Justice of the Peace, by any resident inhabitant in the section for the use thereof.

Meetings to be called in default of first or annual meetings.

22. In case, from the want of proper notice, any first or annual school section meeting, required to be held for the election of trustees was not held at the proper period, any two freeholders or householders in such section may, within twenty days after the time at which such meeting should have been held, call a meeting, by giving six days' notice, to be posted in at least three public places in such school section ; and the meeting thus called shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the meeting in the place of which it is called.

Penalty for refusing to serve as trustee

23. If any person chosen as trustee refuses to serve, he shall forfeit the sum of five dollars ; and every person so chosen who has not refused to accept the office, and who at any time refuses or neglects to perform its duties, shall forfeit the sum of twenty dollars, to be sued for and recovered before a Justice of the Peace, by the trustees of the school section for its use.‡

Trustee may resign.

24. Any person chosen as trustee may resign with the consent, expressed in writing, of his colleagues in office and of the local superintendent.

Mode of proceeding in contested elections in school sections.

25. Each Local Superintendent of Schools—

(1.) Shall, within twenty days after any meeting for the election of common school section trustees within the limits of his charge, receive and investigate any complaint respecting the mode of conducting the election,§ and according to the best of

* See section 19 of the new School Act.

† See section 11 of the new School Act.

‡ See section 18 of the new School Act.

§ See section 13 of the new School Act.