

village, by the Reeve and Local Superintendent of the township, and the Board of Common School Trustees of the town or village, at a meeting appointed for that purpose by any two of such Reeves, or by the Board of Common School Trustees of such town or village, of which meeting the other parties authorized to act with them shall be duly notified ;

*Effect of such Union in Township, Town or Village.*

And each union School section, composed of portions of adjoining townships or portions of a township or townships and a town or incorporated village, shall, for the purposes of the election of Trustees under their control be deemed one School section, and shall be considered in respect to superintendence and taxation for the erection of a School house, as belonging to the township, town or village in which the same is situated."

*Certain Trustee Contracts unlawful.*

6. It shall not be lawful for any Common School Trustee to enter into a contract with the Corporation of which he is a member or have any pecuniary claim on such Corporation, except for a School site, or as Collector of School rates, and then only when he shall be appointed and the warrant to him signed by the other two members of the Corporation, with the seal of the same.

*Proceedings of School Corporation not valid unless adopted at regular Trustee-meetings.*

7. No Act or proceeding of a School Corporation shall be deemed valid or binding on any party which is not adopted at a regular or special meeting, of which notice shall be given by the Secretary to all the Trustees by notifying them personally or by sending a written notice to their residences, and the proceedings of such Trustee meetings shall be entered in a book of the Corporation kept for that purpose, and signed by the senior or presiding Trustee; *Provided* always, that a majority of the Trustees, at a meeting thus called, shall have full authority to perform any lawful business.

*Annual appointment of Auditors of School Section Accounts.*

8. In order that there may be accuracy and satisfaction in regard to the School accounts of School sections, the majority of the freeholders and householders present at the annual School meeting shall appoint a fit and proper person to be Auditor of the School accounts of the section for the then current year, and the Trustees shall before the first day of December in each year, appoint another Auditor; and the Auditor thus chosen or either of them shall forthwith appoint a time before the day of the next ensuing annual School meeting for examining the accounts of the School section;

*Trustees to submit their School Accounts to the Auditors.*

And it shall be the duty of the Trustees or their Secretary-treasurer in their behalf to lay all their accounts before the Auditors or either of them together with the agreements, vouchers, &c., in their possession, and to afford to the Auditors or either of them all the information in their power as to their receipts and expenditures of School moneys in behalf of their School Section;

*Powers and duties of School Section Auditors, &c.*

And it shall be the duty of the Auditors to examine into and decide upon the accuracy of the accounts of such section and whether the Trustees have truly accounted for and expended for School purposes the moneys received by them, and to submit the said accounts with a full report thereon at the next annual School meeting; and if the Auditors or either of them object to the lawfulness of any expenditures made by the Trustees, they shall submit the matters in difference to such meeting, which may either determine the same or submit them to the Chief Superintendent of Education, whose decision shall be final, and the Auditors shall remain in office until their audit is completed; The Auditors or either of them shall have the same authority to call for persons and papers and require evidence on oath and to enforce their decisions as have Arbitrators appointed under the authority of the eighty-fourth, eighty-fifth and eighty-sixth sections of the said Upper Canada Common School Act; and it shall be their duty or that of either of them to report the result of their

examination of the accounts of the year to the annual School meeting next after their appointment, when the Annual Report of the Trustees shall be presented, and the vacancy or vacancies in the Trustee Corporation be filled up, as provided by the law;

*Remedy in case the Trustees fail to call the meeting for Auditors.*

And if the Trustees omit to call such public meeting by notice issued not later than the twenty-second day of December, the same may be called by any two qualified Electors, and if the Trustees neglect to appoint an Auditor or appoint one who refuses to act, the Local Superintendent shall appoint one for them;

*Penalty on Trustees refusing information, &c., to Auditors.*

And if the Trustees, or their Secretary in their behalf, refuse to furnish the Auditors or either of them with the papers or information in their power and which may be required of them relative to their School accounts, the party refusing shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon prosecution by either of the Auditors or any rate-payer, be punished by fine or imprisonment as provided by the one hundred and fortieth section of the said Upper Canada Common School Act;

*Accounts of 1860 to be audited in this manner.*

*Provided* that the Auditors, appointed for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, shall also audit the accounts for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

*Penalty on Trustees refusing to comply with award of Arbitrators.*

9. If the Trustees wilfully refuse or neglect for one month after publication of award, to comply with or give effect to an award of Arbitrators appointed as provided by the eighty-fourth section of the said Upper Canada Common School Act, the Trustees so refusing or neglecting shall be held to be personally responsible for the amount of such award, which may be enforced against them individually by warrant of such Arbitrators within one month after publication of their award; and no want of form shall invalidate the award or proceedings of Arbitrators under the School Acts.

*School Trustees may dispose of School sites not required.*

10. It shall be lawful for any School Trustee Corporation to dispose by sale or otherwise of any School site or School property not required by them in consequence of a change of School site, and to convey the same under their corporate seal and to apply the proceeds thereof for their lawful School purposes; And all sites and other property given or acquired, or which may be given or acquired for Common School purposes, shall vest absolutely in the Trustee Corporation for this purpose; and in like manner, and for like purpose.

*United Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees to have the same power to sell school property.*

It shall be lawful for any United Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees to dispose by sale or otherwise of any School site or School property, belonging to the United Board, or to the Grammar School or Common School Trustees respectively.

*Who shall be disqualified to act as School Trustee.—Absence.*

11. No person shall be eligible to be elected or to serve as School Trustee who is not a resident assessed freeholder or householder in the School section for which he is elected;—nor shall any Teacher, or Local Superintendent, hold the office of Trustee; and a continuous non-residence of six months from his School section by any Trustee shall cause the vacation of his office.

*Agreement with Teachers must be in writing and under seal.*

12. All agreements between Trustees and Teachers to be valid and binding shall be in writing, signed by the parties thereto, and sealed with the corporate seal, and may lawfully include any stipulation to provide the Teacher with board and lodging.

*Local Superintendent to decide complaints about School Elections.*

13. It shall be the duty of a Local Superintendent of Schools to receive, investigate and decide upon any complaints which may be made in regard to the election of School Trustees or in regard to any proceedings at School meetings; *Provided* always,