

Common School Ordinance.

- (a.) A petition shall be addressed to the Governor, signed by at least two thirds of the resident householders of the District, praying to have the same converted into a School District;
- (b.) The said petition shall set forth the number of children between the ages of 5 and 18 years who will be able to attend the proposed School; and also the number of children below the age of 5 years; and also the number and names of the residents in the District above the age of 21 years, and the amount to be contributed by them towards the support of a School Teacher and School-house.

Power to dispense
with petition, &c.

IV. Provided, always, that the Governor in Council shall not require any such petition from any present School District, and shall have power, if he think fit, to refuse to create any School District where the number of children likely to attend School does not exceed twelve in number, or where the amount likely to be collected shall not exceed Three Hundred Dollars per annum for the School Teacher; but provided, further, that nothing in this Section shall prevent the Governor in Council granting assistance to Districts not containing inhabitants enough to warrant their being converted into School Districts, in accordance with this Ordinance.

Election of Local
Boards.

V. Upon the receipt of such petition as aforesaid, from any District, the Governor in Council may order the election of a Local Board therein, to consist of not less than three persons, who shall be elected annually, during the first week in October in each year, at a Public Meeting (of which seven days' notice shall be given by the Chairman of the then existing Board) of the residents of the District; provided, however, that the first election under this Ordinance may take place at any time appointed by the Governor; and provided, further, that the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria, and of the City of New Westminster, and the Council of any Municipality hereafter created, shall be and are hereby constituted the Local Board for the City of Victoria, and of New Westminster, and of any Town created as aforesaid, respectively, or any extension of their limits for the purpose of this Ordinance, and shall have and may exercise all the powers vested in Local Boards by this Ordinance, without any special election or special meetings for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Duties of Local
Boards.

VI. It shall be the duty of the Local Board:—

1. To appoint one of themselves, or some other person to be Secretary and Treasurer, for the correct recording of all proceedings, and the safe keeping of all papers and moneys;
2. To have the safe custody of all School property within the District;
3. To do whatever they may judge expedient with regard to the maintenance, repair, and furnishing of School premises, and to have the general management of the Schools, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Governor in Council;
4. To call a Special Meeting (of which a Member of the Local Board shall be Chairman) of the freeholders and resident householders of the District, as early as may be in each year, (and of which Meeting Seven Days' notice shall be given in as public a manner as possible), to determine whether to apply for a Grant in aid of Educational purposes as hereinafter provided, and to decide in what manner the balance (if any) of moneys required for the purposes aforesaid, and for which the said Grants may not prove sufficient for the current year shall be raised, whether by voluntary subscription, Tuition Fees, or General Rate as hereinafter mentioned, and to fix the amount of such Tuition Fee; provided, always, that such Tuition Fee shall not exceed Two Dollars per Month for each Scholar;
5. In their discretion, to exempt from the payment of Tuition Fees, wholly or in part, any indigent person;
6. To demand, receive, and account for all moneys to be collected by rate bill from the parents, or by subscription, or otherwise, from the inhabitants of the District, and to use all lawful ways and means for the collection thereof; and to pay to the School Teacher the sum guaranteed to him by the Local Board;
7. To permit all residents in the School Districts, between the ages of five and eighteen years, to attend the School, so long as they conduct themselves in conformity with the Rules of such School, and the fees or rates (if any) required to be paid on their behalf are fully discharged;

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