

V. And be it enacted, That at every such first school section meeting, the majority of the freeholders or householders of such school section present, shall elect one of their own number to preside over the proceedings of such meeting, and shall also appoint a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to record all the proceedings of such meeting: and the Chairman of such meeting shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the meeting, and shall give the casting vote in case of an equality of votes, and shall have no vote except as Chairman, and shall take the votes in such manner as shall be desired by the majority of the electors present, and shall, at the request of any two electors, grant a poll for recording the names of the voters by the Secretary: And it shall be the duty of the electors present at such meeting, or a majority of them, to elect from the freeholders or householders in such section, three Trustees who shall respectively continue in office as follows: the last person elected shall continue in office until the next ensuing annual school meeting in such section, and until his successor is elected; the second person elected, one year, and the first person elected, two years, from such next ensuing annual school meeting, and until their successors are elected respectively: Provided always, that a correct copy of the proceedings of such first school section meeting, and of every annual school section meeting, signed by the Chairman and Secretary, shall be forthwith transmitted by the Secretary to the Local Superintendent of Schools.\*

Mode of proceeding at first meeting.

Election of Chairman and Secretary; their duties.

A poll when to be granted.

Three Trustees to be elected.

Order of retiring from Office.

Proviso.

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,† it shall be the duty of the freeholders or householders of such section, present at such meeting, or a majority of them—

Proceedings at annual meetings.

*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.

Chairman and Secretary.

*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.‡

Annual financial report.

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

Election of Trustees.

\* At a first school meeting, the Trustees elected must be freeholders or householders in the section.

† Trustees are not required to state the business of an annual meeting in their notification, as the law expressly specifies it; and nothing but what is there specified can be considered at such meeting. If the Trustees have other business to bring forward, they must state it in their notice.—C. S. D. No. 9.

‡ The annual meeting audits the accounts of the Trustees—whether the money received by them has been properly accounted for.—C. S. D. No. 32. But should the meeting terminate without notice of incorrect accounts, no action can be taken (except at a special meeting called by the Trustees for that purpose, should they agree to do so, or in a court of law,) until the next annual meeting.