

city officers for said city, for the term of two years, and three at the next charter election thereafter, for two years; and at every subsequent charter election for city officers of said city there shall be alternately four and three School Directors elected, to take the place of those whose term of office has expired; said term of office, in each and every case, to be for two years and until a successor is duly elected and qualified; *provided*, that the present Board of Education of said city shall exercise, and are hereby authorized and enjoined to exercise, all the powers and duties hereinafter provided as appertaining to the Board of Education created by this Act; and *provided* further, that whenever said city shall have been divided into wards, all subsequent elections of School Directors shall be so arranged as finally to secure and thereafter to maintain in said Board of Education one Director from each ward in said city, the whole number, however, being at no time more than seven, as heretofore provided in this section. Said Board of Education shall meet within ten days after their election, and after qualifying, as provided in section one hundred and eight, Revised School Law, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, shall elect one of their number President, and shall hold meetings monthly thereafter, and at such other times as the Board may determine. A majority of all the members elect shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time. The Board may determine the rules of its proceedings. Its sessions shall be public and its record shall be open to public inspection. The Board shall also have power to fill all vacancies occurring in the Board until the next regular charter election.

SEC. 2. The Board of Education shall have sole power:

*First*—To establish and maintain public schools, and to establish school districts, and to fix and alter the boundaries thereof.

*Second*—To employ and dismiss teachers, janitors and school census marshals, and to fix, alter, allow and order paid their salaries or compensation, and to employ and pay such mechanics and laborers as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties of the Board, and to withhold for good and sufficient cause the whole or any part of the salary or wages of any person or persons employed as aforesaid.

*Third*—To make, establish and enforce all necessary and proper rules and regulations, not contrary to law, for the government and progress of public schools within said city, the teachers thereof and the pupils therein, and for carrying into effect the laws relating to education; also, to establish and regulate the grade of schools, and determine what text books, courses of study and mode of instruction shall be used in said schools.

*Fourth*—To provide for the School Department of said city fuel and lights, water, blanks, blank books, printing and stationery, and to incur such other incidental expenses as may be deemed necessary by said Board.