

SEC. 31. The said Superintendent shall attend the sessions, and act as Secretary of the Board of Education, inform them at each session of the condition of the common schools, school-houses, school funds and other matters connected therewith, and recommend such measures as he may deem necessary for the advancement of education in the city and county. He shall acquaint himself with all the laws, rules and regulations governing the public schools in the said city and county, and the judicial decisions thereon, and give advice on subjects connected with the public schools gratuitously to officers, teachers, pupils and their parents and guardians. In case of a vacancy in the office of Superintendent, the Board of Education may assemble and appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the regular election then next following, when the office shall be filled by election of the people.

SEC. 32. The School Directors of the several districts shall assemble within five days after their election and qualification, and thereafter on the first Monday in June, September, December and March of each year, and at such other times as they may for urgent reasons be specially convoked by the Superintendent; and when so assembled shall constitute a Board of Education for the city and county of San Francisco. A majority of all the School Directors, elected in the said city and county, shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day. The board shall elect a President from among its members, to continue during the pleasure of the board, and in the absence of the Superintendent, a Secretary *pro tem.*; determine the rules of its proceedings; keep a record of its acts and resolutions, and allow the same to be published. The sessions of the board shall be public, and the record of its proceedings shall remain in the custody of the Secretary, subject to the inspection, without charge, of all public officers and citizens of the said city and county.

SEC. 33. The Board of Education shall have power—

First. To establish common schools and school districts in said city and county conformably with the laws, and to fix the boundaries of such school districts.

Second. To establish rules which shall not be contrary to law, for the government, improvement and progress of the public schools within the said city and county of San Francisco, and for carrying into effect the provisions of law relating and applicable thereto, and for the government of all school officers and teachers in the discharge of their duties.

Third. To determine annually the amount, not exceeding the rate of thirty-five cents on each hundred dollars' valuation upon the assessment roll, to be raised by tax upon the real and personal property within the city and county not exempt from taxation, for the support of free common schools therein, and for providing suitable school-houses, furniture, libraries and apparatus.

Fourth. To establish regulations not inconsistent with law as aforesaid, for the safe custody, and just and equal disbursement of all moneys belonging to the Common School Fund of said city and county, from whatsoever source arising.

Fifth. To require that all teachers, previous to their being employed in any of the said common schools, shall be rigidly examined before the said board, or a committee of its members appointed for that purpose, or by the Superintendent, and being approved shall receive a certificate signed by such committee and Superintendent of qualification in respect to moral character, ability and fitness to teach in the said schools, and to revoke such certificates for good cause, of which the said board shall be the sole judge, giving to the parties interested reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard; and any School Director, with the advice and consent of the Superintendent, may provisionally withdraw the certificate of any teacher employed in the schools of his district till the next meeting of the Board of Education, and in the meantime such teacher shall not be employed in any of the common schools.

SEC. 34. Upon the petition of fifty heads of white families, resident citizens in any district, the Board of Education may, in their discretion, establish a common school or additional common schools therein, subject in all respects to the laws and regulations governing the other common schools, awarding to such school or schools