

*Twelfth.* To determine, annually, the amount of taxation, not exceeding thirty-five cents on each one hundred dollars' valuation upon the assessment roll, to be raised by tax upon the real and personal property within the said city and county, not exempt from taxation, for the establishment and support of Free Public Schools therein, and for carrying into effect all the provisions of law regarding Public Schools; and the amount so determined by the said Board of Education shall be reported in writing to the Board of Supervisors of said city and county on or before the third Monday of April of each year; and the said Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized and required to levy and cause to be collected, at the time and in the manner of levying State and other city and county taxes, the amount of taxation so determined and reported to them by the said Board of Education, as a school tax upon all taxable property of said city and county; and said tax shall be in addition to all other amounts levied for State and city, and county purposes.

*Thirteenth.* To establish regulations for the just and equal disbursement of all moneys belonging to the Public School Fund.

*Fourteenth.* To examine and allow, in whole or in part, every demand payable out of the School Fund, or to reject any such demand for good cause, of which the Board shall be sole judge.

*Fifteenth.* To discharge all legal incumbrances now existing upon any school property.

*Sixteenth.* Obsolete.

*Seventeenth.* To prohibit any child under six years of age from attending the Public Schools.

*Eighteenth.* And, generally, to do and perform such other acts as may be necessary and proper to carry into force and effect the powers conferred on said Board.

SEC. 3. The President of the Board of Education shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations concerning any demand upon the treasury payable out of the School Fund or other matters relating to his official duties.

SEC. 4. At the last regular session of the Board, in September, December, March, and June, of each year, before proceeding to other business, each Director shall be called on to report the condition of the school or schools in his district, and the circumstances and wants of the inhabitants thereof, in respect to education, and to suggest any defect he may have noted and improvement he would recommend in the school regulations. The reports to be made in December and June, shall be in writing.

SEC. 5. Before giving out any contract or incurring any liability to mechanics or laborers or for expenditures authorized by section two, subdivisions three, five, and six, respectively, to any amount exceeding two hundred dollars, the Board of Education shall cause notice to be published for five days, inviting sealed proposals for the object contemplated. All proposals offered shall be delivered to the Superintendent of Public Schools, and said Board shall, in open session, open, examine, and publicly declare the same, and award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder; *provided*, said Board may reject any and all bids, should they deem it for the public good, and also the bid of any party who may have proved delinquent or unfaithful in any former contract with said city and county or said Board, and cause a republication of the notice for proposals as above specified.—[Amendment March 12, 1864.]

SEC. 6. No School Director or Superintendent shall be interested in any contract pertaining in any manner to the School Department of said city and county. All contracts in violation of this section are declared void, and any Director or Superintendent violating or aiding in the violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 7. No teacher shall be employed in any of the Public Schools without having a certificate issued under the provisions of this Act. For the purpose of granting the certificates required, the Board of Education, either as a body, or by committee, or by the Superintendent, shall hold examinations of teachers. No certificate shall be issued except to a person who shall have passed a satisfactory examination in such branches as the Board may require, and shall have given evidence of good moral character, ability, and fitness to teach. The said certificate shall be in force for two years; *provided*, that the person to whom it is granted is continuously employed in the schools in teaching.

SEC. 8. The Board may, in its discretion, renew, without reëxamination, the certificate of any person so employed. It shall have power to revoke the certificate of any teacher upon evidence of immoral or unprofessional conduct; and any School Director, with the consent and advice of the Superintendent, may, for good and sufficient cause, provisionally withdraw the certificate of any teacher employed in the schools of his district until the next regular meeting of the Board.

SEC. 9. The Superintendent of Public Schools of the City and County of San Francisco is hereby declared and constituted *ex officio* a member of the Board of Education, without the right to vote.

SEC. 10. The said Superintendent is hereby authorized to appoint a Clerk, subject to the approval of the Board of Education, who shall act as Secretary of the Board, and who shall