

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 of education, and suggest any defect he may have noted an improvement he would recommend in 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 laborer or for expenditures authorized by section two, subdivisions three, five, and six, respectively, 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. —[Amended 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.

SECS. 7 and 8. [Superseded by the following Secs. 1788–91—Part III, Art. XVII, of the Political Code]:

Sec. 1788. Each Board of Examination consists of the City and County Superintendent of Schools and of four teachers residents of such city, and holders of State diplomas, elected by the Board of Education, and holding office for two years.

Sec. 1789. The School Superintendent of the city is Chairman of the City Board of Examination.

Sec. 1790. The Board must meet and hold examinations as follows: Commencing on the first Wednesday in the months of December, March, June, and September. The place of meeting must be designated by the Chairman.

Sec. 1791. The Board has power to grant: 1st. Certificates of the same grade and for the same time as the State Board of Examination has power to grant. 2d. High School certificates, valid for six years. 3d. Special certificates of the first grade, valid for four years, upon such special studies as may be authorized by the State Board of Education, or Board of Education in any city, or city and county. 4th. High School and special certificates must be granted upon such examinations as may be authorized by the State Board of Education, or Board of Education of any city, or city and county. All other certificates must be granted upon examinations in all the studies required for a State certificate of corresponding grade, and upon questions prepared by the State Board of Examination, and upon the percentage prescribed by the State Board of Education.

SEC. 9. The Superintendent of the 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 paid a salary to be fixed by the said Board not to exceed the sum of two hundred dollars per month. —[Amendment April 2, 1870.] The said Clerk shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of the Superintendent, and shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Board or the Superintendent.†

SEC. 11. The Superintendent shall report to the Board of Education, annually, on or before the twentieth day of June, and at such other times as they may require, all matters pertaining to the expenditures, income, and condition, and progress of the Public Schools of said city and county during the preceding year, with such recommendations as he may deem proper.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to visit and examine each school at least once in three months; to observe and cause to be observed such general rules for the regulation, government, and instruction of the schools, not inconsistent with the laws of the State may be established by the Board of Education; to attend the sessions of the Board, and inform them at each session of the condition of the Public Schools, school houses, school funds, and other matters connected therewith, and to recommend such measures as he may deem necessary for the advancement of education in the city and county. He shall acquaint himself with

\* The Act of April 2, 1870, establishes and defines the powers and duties of the Secretary as follows:

Section 1. The Secretary of the Board of Education of said City and County of San Francisco shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations concerning any demand upon the treasury payable out of the School Fund or other matters brought before the School Department for investigation.

Sec. 2. The said Secretary shall be paid a salary, to be fixed by the Board of Education, not to exceed the sum of two hundred dollars per month, in lieu of any salary now paid, payable in the same manner and out of the same fund as the Superintendent of Common Schools for the City and County of San Francisco is paid.

† The California School Law, April 4, 1870, Sec. 27 [re-enacted; see Political Code, Part III, Secs. 1549 and 11] authorizes each County Superintendent to appoint a Deputy who may exercise all the functions of County Superintendent, but shall draw no salary from the Public School Fund, and that the Deputy for the City and County of San Francisco may receive such compensation as may be allowed by the Board of Education of said city and county, be paid out of the same fund out of which the Superintendent is paid.