

Duties of
trustees.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the following duties shall devolve on the trustees to be elected under the provisions of this act: first, it shall be their duty, immediately after their election, to ascertain the number of white children in their respective districts, between the age of five and seventeen years, and report the same to the president of the board of school commissioners of the county, and if there be no school house in the district, they shall make the necessary arrangements for erecting a school house, and procuring the necessary furniture for the same, and one-half of that portion of the school fund of the county which said district may be entitled to for one year, may be expended by said trustees in building and furnishing said school house, and the trustees are hereby authorised and empowered to levy on the taxable property of the district for such balance, if any, as may be necessary for completing said school house, but in selecting the site for a school house, said trustees shall locate it so far as practicable to suit the convenience of all the inhabitants of the district; secondly, they shall assemble annually or oftener in case of a vacancy, and elect one or more teachers for the school or schools within their respective districts, but no teacher shall be eligible unless he or she shall furnish a certificate from the board of examiners, agreeably to the tenth section of this act; and if a teacher shall have been previously employed in any school district before said teacher can be re-eligible, he or she shall have obtained from the board of commissioners a renewal of said certificate, as in the eleventh section of this act provides; and if the trustees should at any time elect or keep in their schools any teacher or teachers who have not obtained a certificate of qualification, or a renewal of the same, the board of school commissioners are hereby authorised and directed to withhold their signatures from any order for the payment of said teacher or teachers, or for the payment of any other expense connected with said school or schools, until the provisions of this section be complied with; thirdly, it shall be the duty of said trustees to superintend the school or schools within their own immediate districts; to make rules and regulations for the good government of said schools; to give all orders on the board of school commissioners of Washington county for the payment of teachers and other expenses connected with their schools; they shall see that the books and stationery be not destroyed or wasted; they may suspend or dismiss a teacher for immoral conduct, or for any other cause, when in their judgment the interest of the school may require it; they may at any time suspend or expel a