

## CHAPTER XVI.

*An Act for the establishment and better regulation of the Common Schools in the village of Northfield, the same being designated as District No. three, in Rice County.*

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*Beit enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That District No. three in Rice county, comprising sections number thirty-six, in township number one hundred and twelve, range twenty, section number one, in township number one hundred and eleven, range twenty; sections numbers five and six; the west half of section number four; the northeast quarter of section number seven; the north half of section number eight, and the northwest quarter of section number nine, in township number one hundred and eleven, range nineteen; the south half of the southwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section number thirty-three; the south half, and the south half of the northwest quarter of section number thirty-two, and the whole of section number thirty-one, except the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of said section number thirty-one, in township number one hundred and twelve, range number nineteen, is hereby declared to be a school district and body corporate, by the name and style of "The

What to constitute  
said district

Northfield Village School District," and by such name may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, in any of the courts of this State, having competent jurisdiction, and in its corporate name shall hold the title of all lands and other property now held, or which may hereafter be acquired, for school district purposes in such district.

SEC. 2. The officers of said district shall constitute a board of education, and shall consist of five members, who shall be elected on the last Saturday of March next, after the passage of this act; three of whom shall hold their offices for two years, and two for one year; and, annually thereafter, upon the last Saturday of March, there shall be elected two members, and three members alternately, who shall hold their offices for the term of two years. No member shall be entitled to receive any compensation for his services, except the clerk, whose compensation shall be fixed by the board.

Board of education  
—term of office—  
who to receive  
compensation for  
services

SEC. 3. In case of vacancy the board of education shall have power to fill the same by appointment, until the next annual district election, when the electors of said district may choose a suitable person to fill the remainder of such term. *Provided*, The clerk of said board shall give notice of such vacancy, prior to such election, as may be required in other cases.

Vacancies, how  
filled

SEC. 4. The board of education, three members of which may form a quorum, may meet from time to time, at such place in said district as they may designate. A majority of the members present, at their first meeting, which shall be annually, upon the next succeeding Tuesday after the district election, may choose one of their number as chairman, one clerk and one treasurer.

What to constitute  
a quorum—when  
annual meeting to  
be held—election  
of officers

SEC. 5. The board of education shall have full power and authority, and it shall be their duty to purchase, lease or erect such schoolhouses as may be necessary, to keep the same in repair, to furnish fuel and all things necessary for the schoolhouse during the time a school shall be kept therein, and apply for and receive from the county treasurer, or other officers, all moneys appropriated or raised by taxation for the use of the common schools and school library in said district. The said board of education shall also have full

Powers of board of  
education

power and authority to make by-laws and ordinances relative to making all necessary reports, and transmitting the same to the proper officers designated by law, so that said district may be entitled to its proportion of the common school fund; relative to the visitation of schools; to the length of time schools shall be kept, which shall not be less than three months in each year; to the employment of teachers, their powers and duties; to the regulation of the schools; the books to be used, and the course of studies, including the higher branches of learning to be pursued therein; to the appointment of necessary officers, and prescribe their powers and duties; and also relative to anything whatever that may advance the interests of education, the good government and prosperity of common schools in said district, and the welfare of the public concerning the same.

All schools to be free

SEC. 6. All schools organized in said district, pursuant to this act, shall be public, and free to all the scholars residing within the limits thereof, between the ages of five and twenty-one years, inclusive, subject to such rules, regulations and limitations as the board may establish.

Duty of clerk

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk of said board, in addition to the duties which may be prescribed by the board, to record the proceedings of the district meeting in a book provided for that purpose by the district; he shall enter therein all copies of his reports made to the county auditor, State Superintendent, or other officer, as required by law; keep and preserve all records, books and papers belonging to his office, and deliver the same to his successor in office; also, to give at least ten days notice of each annual or special district meeting, by posting up three notices thereof in conspicuous places in the district. *Provided*, The present clerk of said district shall call the first meeting under this act in the manner above specified. Every notice for a meeting shall set forth all the objects for which said meeting was called. Special meetings may be called on the order of the board of education, or by the written request of five or more freeholders or householders of the said district.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of said

board of education to receive and pay out all moneys apportioned to or belonging to the district, and to keep an accurate account of the common school fund, and the district funds raised by taxation, and he shall execute a bond to the district, in double the amount of money, as near as can be ascertained, which will come into his hands as treasurer during the year, with sufficient security, to be approved by the board, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties. Such bond shall be filed with the clerk of the board, and in case of any breach in the conditions thereof, the said board shall cause a suit to be commenced thereon, in the name of the district, and the money, when collected, shall be applied to the use of the district.

Duty of treasurer

SEC. 9. The legal voters of said district, when lawfully assembled, not less than ten being present, shall have power, by a majority of the votes of those present—

First.—To appoint a moderator.

Second.—To adjourn from time to time.

Third.—To elect members of the board of education in accordance with the provisions of the second section of this act.

Fourth.—To designate a site for a schoolhouse.

Fifth.—To vote an amount of money, to be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the district, sufficient, with the apportionment of the common school fund, to support a school the length of time prescribed by the board of education, to purchase or lease a site for a schoolhouse, and to build, hire, or purchase such schoolhouse, when the same shall be necessary. *Provided*, That no tax shall be voted to build or purchase a schoolhouse, or to support a school for more than three months, unless there shall be at least twenty-five legal voters present; also to keep in repair and provide the same with the necessary furniture and appendages; to procure fuel, and to purchase or increase a library and school apparatus. *Provided*, That the board of education shall have power to levy a tax, sufficient to support a school three months in the year, without a vote of the district. *And provided further*, That the legal voters may vote to have a school any length of time more than three months.

Power of legal voters

Sixth.—To repeal or modify their proceedings from time to time.

Taxes, how collected

SEC. 10. All taxes raised by virtue of this act, shall be levied and collected in the same manner, and by the same officers as county taxes are levied and collected.

Repeal of inconsistent acts

SEC. 11. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed, so far as they relate to said district.

Act not to be affected by any subsequent act

SEC. 12. This act shall not be repealed or affected by any subsequent act, unless specially mentioned therein.

SEC. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the 20th day of March, A. D. 1864.

Approved March 3, 1864.

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## CHAPTER XVII.

### *An Act to organize a Board of Education for the City of Rochester.*

SECTION 1. What to constitute said school district.

2. Board of Education, how constituted—power of said Board.

3. Powers of Board of Education.

4. Annual meeting of said Board—election of officers.

5. Duty of Clerk of said Board.

6. Board of Education to have full control of all the public schools in said district.

7. Moneys apportioned to said district, how drawn.

8. Tax to be raised, for purpose of building schoolhouses, etc., how.

9. Persons constituting Board of Education to take oath of office—term of office—vacancies, how filled.

10. Treasurer of city, to be treasurer of said district—duties of.

11. Repeal of acts inconsistent with this act.

12. When act to take effect.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That the territory of the city of Roch-