

CHAPTER 232.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER TWELVE (12), IN THE COUNTY OF HOUSTON AND VILLAGE OF HOKAH, TO SETTLE WITH THE TREASURER OF SAID DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN MONEYS BELONGING TO THE SAME.

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

SECTION 1. That independent school district number twelve (12), in the county of Houston and village of Hokah, be and the same is hereby authorized through the proper officers of said district, to issue an order for the sum of one hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty cents (\$133.80), in favor of Christopher Brown, treasurer of said district, which order, when endorsed by said treasurer, may be accepted by said school district in full payment of an equal amount of money belonging to said district, stolen from the possession of said treasurer on January seventh (7th), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two (1882), but shall be valid for no other purpose.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

Approved February 26, 1883.

CHAPTER 233.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED RELATING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FREE SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, BEING CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN (157) OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT (1878), AND THE SEVERAL ACTS AMENDATORY THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of chapter one hundred and fifty-seven (157) of special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight (1878), as amended by section one (1) of chapter one hundred and fourteen (114) of the special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-one (1881), [be,] and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows :

Section 1. The city of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, shall, on and after the first Tuesday of April, A. D. one thousand

eight hundred and seventy eight (1878) constitute in law but one (1) school district, and the board of education of the east division of Minneapolis is hereby united and consolidated with the board of education of the west division of Minneapolis, such union to take effect on the day above named, and such united board shall thereupon constitute and become one corporation, under the name of "the board of education of the city of Minneapolis," and shall have a common seal, and be capable of suing and being sued, and of taking by gift, grant, purchase, devise or bequest, or otherwise, any real or personal property, and of using, selling, conveying, controlling and enjoying the same, and of entering into, making, performing and enforcing contracts. It shall be the successor in law of the board of education of the east division of Minneapolis, and the board of education of the west division of Minneapolis, and shall succeed to all the rights and liabilities of every kind of said two boards. The title to all real estate within the limits of the city of Minneapolis, whether vested in the trustees of any school district, either wholly or in part within the limits of said city, in the board of education of Minneapolis, the board of education of the town of Minneapolis, the board of education of the city of Minneapolis (as the same was prior to the consolidation of the cities of Saint Anthony and Minneapolis), the board of education of the west division of Minneapolis, the board of education of the city of Saint Anthony, the board of education of the east division of Minneapolis, as well as the title to all personal property belonging to either of said boards of education, or to any school district wholly within the limits of said city, shall be and become vested in the board of education of the city of Minneapolis, as hereby constituted. It shall have the entire control and management of all common schools within the city of Minneapolis. It shall be entitled to demand, have and receive all moneys which have accrued or shall accrue to either of said districts, or to said united district, for school purposes under any law of this state or otherwise, and may appropriate and use such moneys for the support and maintenance of the schools within such district as such board may deem best. It may also hire or erect and maintain, as it shall deem best, school-houses and school-rooms, but it shall never erect any building upon land to which it has not the title in fee simple. It may employ superintendents and teachers, and make rules and regulations for the government of schools, and for the employment and examination of teachers, and prescribing their powers and duties; and prescribing the description, grading and classification of scholars and their management, and the course of instruction and books to be used, and all other matters pertaining to the government and welfare of schools. It may also make by-laws, rules and regulations for its government.

SEC. 2. That section six (6) of chapter one hundred and fifty-seven (157) of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 6. The regular meetings of the board shall be fixed by its rules and by-laws. Special meetings may be called by the president or any two (2) school directors, by written notice, stating the time, place and object of the meeting, to be served personally or by mail, at least

twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting. But whenever a majority of all the directors are present at any meeting, the same shall be a legal meeting at which any business which could come before a regular meeting may be transacted, irrespective of whether there was any notice given for such meeting or not.

SEC. 3. That section seven (7) of chapter one hundred and fifty-seven (157) of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), as amended by section three (3) of chapter sixty-two (62) of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (1879), as amended by section two (2) of chapter one hundred and fourteen (114) of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), as amended by section one (1) of chapter forty-nine (49) of the Special Laws of the extra session of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 7. Said board of education is hereby authorized and empowered to levy upon the taxable property in said city, such taxes as will raise sufficient sums of money for all school purposes of every character, including the purchase of sites and building and repairs of school houses, and expenses incident to the maintenance thereof, and as will also provide for the prompt payment of all indebtedness of said district; *Provided*, That the aggregate annual levy of such taxes shall not exceed three (3) mills on the dollar upon the assessed valuation of said district, except that in each of the years of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three (1883) and one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four (1884), said board may levy an additional tax of one (1) mill on the dollar upon the assessed valuation of said district, the money received from which shall be expended in the purchase of school house sites and for building purposes. Said board shall make return of its annual levy of taxes on or before the first (1st) day of November of every year, to the county auditor of the county of Hennepin, and such taxes shall be collected and the payment thereof enforced, with and in like manner as state and county taxes are collected, and the payment thereof enforced; and when collected, shall, together with all costs, interest and penalties collected thereon, be paid over by the county treasurer to the city treasurer of the city of Minneapolis as often as said county treasurer is required to make settlement with said city treasurer in respect to city taxes.

SEC. 4. That so much of chapter one hundred and fifty-seven (157) of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878) as was amended by chapter fifty-two (52) of the Special Laws of the extra session of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 13. Whenever said board deems it expedient to acquire the title to any lands situate within the city of Minneapolis, either for a school house site or for an addition to any school house site, the same may be acquired at the option of said board by proceeding as provided in sections seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10) and eleven (11) of chapter thirty-six (36) of the General Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), except as herein otherwise directed. The title which said board shall acquire to any

lands by the proceedings herein provided, shall be an absolute estate in fee simple.

Said board in its application to the district court for the appointment of commissioners shall, in addition to the requirement of section seven (7) of chapter thirty-six (36) of the General Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), state that the title to be acquired by said board is an absolute estate in fee simple. In proceedings brought by said board under the provisions of this act, judgment shall not be entered as provided in section ten (10) of chapter thirty-six (36) of General Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), but it shall be entered declaring that upon payment of the amount of the assessment, or verdict, in case of appeal, with costs, to the owner of such lands, or to the clerk of the district court, an absolute estate in fee simple in such lands as are in said petition described, shall be, and become, vested in said board of education.

It is further provided that said board may at any time after the filing of its petition as aforesaid, enter upon and occupy such lands as are in its petition described, until the proceedings contemplated by this act shall have been fully determined, and it shall not during such time be disturbed in such possession or occupancy by any proceedings either in law or equity. Said sections seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10) and eleven (11) of chapter thirty-six (36) of the General Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878) as herein amended and qualified to conform to the intentions of this act are made a part hereof.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 27, 1883.