

CHAPTER III.

February 21,
1872.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act relative to Free Schools in the city of Saint Paul" and the acts amendatory thereof.

- SECTION 1.** Amendment to section 1, of the act relating to free schools in the city of St. Paul.
The city of St. Paul to be one school district.
2. Amendment to section 3, of said act.
Vacancies in the office of school inspectors—no other city officer to be school inspector.
3. Amendment to section 5 of said act.
To be a body corporate and to succeed to all rights of the former boards of school inspectors—may pay indebtedness and issue bonds therefor.
4. Amendment to section 6 of said act.
The board of education—a majority forming a quorum—may meet at the city hall or other place designated.
5. Amendment to section 11 of said act.
For school purposes may ask a tax levy of not to exceed ten mills—and council required to levy the same.
6. Amendment to section 12 of said act as heretofore amended.
Election of president, secretary and treasurer of board—official duties.
7. Amendment to section 13 of said act.
School moneys collected to be paid over to treasurer of board.
8. Section 14 of said act to be numbered section 13.
9. When act to take effect.

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

SEC. 1. That section one of said act shall read as follows:

City to be one
school district.

Section 1. That the city of Saint Paul shall be considered as one school district; and hereafter all schools organized therein in pursuance of this act shall under direction and regulation of the board of education be public and free to children residing within the limits thereof between the ages of five and twenty-one years inclusive subject to such rules and limitations as the said board may establish.

SEC. 2. That section three of said act shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 3. In case of a vacancy in the office of school inspector the said board of education may fill the same until the next annual election, when if such vacancy occur in the first year of the term of said office, the electors of the proper ward may choose a suitable person to fill the remainder of such term; provided, that the city clerk shall give notice of such vacancy prior to such election, as may be required in other cases; and provided further, that no member of the common council of the city of Saint Paul nor any other officer of the government of said city shall be eligible as a member of said board of education nor be permitted to act as a member thereof.

Vacancies in board--No city officers to be in board.

Sec. 3. That section five of said act shall be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 5. The school inspectors shall be a body corporate by the name of "the board of education of the city of Saint Paul," and in that name may be capable of suing and being sued, and of holding, buying or selling and conveying real and personal property as the interest of said common schools may require and shall also succeed to and may be entitled to demand all moneys and other rights belonging to, or in possession of the board of school inspectors or any member thereof, or any real or personal property or other rights of any such district in the city of Saint Paul. And the clear proceeds of all such property which may come into the possession of said board, as last aforesaid, shall be expended and disbursed by, and with [under] the authority of the board of education for educational purposes, after paying all just and legal demands existing against the several school districts heretofore existing in said city; provided, that said board shall not be liable to pay an aggregate amount of indebtedness against any one district greater than the amount received from the same by the board.

Powers of this board.

Sec. 4. That section six of said act (as the same has been heretofore amended) shall be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The board of education--a majority of the members of which shall form a quorum--may meet from time to time, at the city hall of said city, or at such place in said city as they may designate.

Place of meeting and quorum.

Sec. 5. That section eleven of said act (as the same has been heretofore amended) shall be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 10. The board of education shall also whenever in their judgment additional means may be necessary for the support of free schools in the city of Saint Paul or for the

Tax levy for school purposes.

erection of school houses therein, or for the purpose of paying the interest on any bonds now or hereafter issued by said board of education, on or before the first day of June of each year, present to the common council of the city a statement of the amount of money beyond that in their treasury needed for such purposes; and said common council are hereby required to levy a tax sufficient for such purposes on all real and personal property within said city according to the city assessment roll, which shall be collected in the same manner as the moneys to defray the general expenses of said city, and when collected shall be subject to the order of the said board of education; provided, that the levy of such tax shall in no one year exceed ten mills on the dollar of the property on said assessment roll.

Provided, That the said board of education may in its discretion provide such additional means for the purposes aforesaid in whole or in part by issuing its bonds not exceeding in amount in any one year more than two per cent. of the value of the taxable property in said city according to the assessment returned the year next previous to said issue. Said bonds shall bear interest not exceeding eight per cent. per annum payable annually or semi-annually with or without interest coupons attached, redeemable in not less than ten nor more than twenty years from their date, payable as to principal or interest or both in the city of New York or city of Saint Paul or both places, and may be issued in such sums or denominations as said board may determine.

SEC. 6. That section twelve of said act (as the same has been heretofore amended) shall be amended so as to read as follows:

Officers of the school board, official duties.

Sec. 11. The board of education immediately after their organization each year shall proceed to elect from their number a president, secretary and treasurer of the board.

The treasurer shall give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the board in an amount to be fixed by the said board.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a true record of the proceedings of the said board; to superintend the examination of all teachers; to give certificates to such as are found qualified; to visit each of the schools at least once in each two weeks; to exercise a general supervision of the schools under the direction of the board of education and to see that the enumeration of scholars required by the general laws of the state is properly taken and duly returned, and he shall be entitled to receive a salary for his services of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per annum.

The said president shall be the president of the said cor-

poration and shall preside at all the meetings of said board.

Such president may be elected as soon after this act shall take effect as said board may deem expedient and shall in such case hold his office until his successor shall be elected as hereinbefore provided. In case of the absence of the president a majority of the inspectors present at any meeting may select one of their number president *pro tempore* who shall act as president aforesaid during such absence of the president.

SEC. 7. That section thirteen of said act shall be amended so as to read as follows :

SEC. 12. All school moneys collected by any collector or other officer of the city of Saint Paul or county of Ramsey shall be paid [over] by such collector or officer to the treasurer of the said board who shall give him a receipt therefor.

School mon-
eys to be paid
to treasurer of
board.

SEC. 8. That section fourteen of said act shall be numbered section thirteen.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved February 29th, 1872.