

CHAPTER 92.

AN ACT "FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION."

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

The high school board—how constituted.

SECTION 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the President of the University of Minnesota *ex officio*, and one other person to be appointed by the Governor, and subject to removal by the Governor for cause, to hold his office for three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed, are hereby constituted a board of commissioners on preparatory schools for the encouragement of higher education in this State. This board shall be called "The High School Board," and shall perform the duties, and have and exercise the powers hereinafter mentioned.

Provides for state aid to schools adopting the township system.

SEC. 2. Any public graded school in any incorporated village or in any township which has or may hereafter adopt the township system of schools giving preparatory instruction according to the terms and provisions of this act, and admitting thereto students of both sexes from any part of the State, without charge for tuition in the same, shall be entitled to receive pecuniary aid as hereinafter specified. *Provided*, however, that no such school shall be required to admit non-resident applicants to receive the said preparatory instruction for tuition, unless the said applicant shall pass a good examination in all the branches at the date of this act, prescribed by law as requisite to receiving a first grade certificate except algebra, plane geometry and the theory and practice of teaching.

Pre-requisites to receiving aid.

SEC. 3. The said board shall require of the schools applying for such pecuniary aid, as pre-requisite to receiving such aid, compliance with the following conditions, to wit :

First. That there be regular and orderly courses of study, embracing all the branches prescribed, as pre-requisite for admission to the collegiate department of the University of Minnesota, not lower than the third or sub-freshman class.

Second. That the said school receiving pecuniary aid under this act, shall at all times permit the said board of commissioners, or any of them, to visit and examine the classes pursuing the said preparatory courses.

Visitation of schools by the board.

SEC. 4. The said board of commissioners, shall cause each school receiving aid under this act to be visited at least once in each school year, by a committee of one or more members who shall carefully inspect the instruction and discipline of the preparatory classes, and make a written report on the same immediately. *Provided*, that the said board may, in

their discretion appoint in any case competent persons to visit and inspect any schools, and to make report thereon, and no money shall be paid in any case until after such report shall have been received and approved by the board.

SEC. 5. The said board shall receive application from such schools for aid as herein provided, which application shall be received and acted upon in the order of their reception. The said board shall apportion to each of said schools, which shall have fully complied with the provisions of this act, and whose applications shall have been approved by the board, the sum of four hundred dollars in each year. *Provided*, that the total amount of apportionment and expenses under this act, shall not exceed nine thousand dollars in any one year, and no apportionment shall be paid to any school under this act prior to the close of the school year in one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (1879.) The sum of nine thousand dollars (9,000) is hereby appropriated to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of this act, which amount, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be paid upon the warrants of said board upon the State Auditor.

Applications for aid— amount to each school.

Limitation of apportionments.

SEC. 6. The members of said board shall serve without compensation, except the last named member thereof, who shall be entitled to receive three dollars for each day actually and necessarily employed, and the actual and necessary expense of the board, and of any examiner appointed by them, shall be paid in the same manner as those of State officers. *Provided*, that the total expenses, including the appointments to the schools aforesaid, shall not exceed nine thousand dollars in any one year.

Compensation to members of board.

SEC. 7. That said board shall have power to establish any necessary and suitable rules and regulations relating to examinations, reports and other proceedings under this act.

Rules and regulations may be adopted.

SEC. 8. The said board shall keep a careful record of all their proceedings and shall make on or before the first day of September in each year a report covering the previous school year, to the Superintendent of Public Instruction showing in detail all receipts and disbursements, the names and number of schools receiving aid, and the number of pupils attending the preparatory classes in each to which report they may add such recommendations as they may deem useful and proper.

Record of proceedings and report to be made.

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

Approved March 9, 1878.