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DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

123.01 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.01 DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this chapter, the words defined in section 120.02 have the same meaning.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 1]

123.015 ELECTIONS; CORRUPT PRACTICES. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 211.03 and 211.08 and all acts amendatory thereof shall apply to any elections of a common school district, an independent school district, a special school district, or a school election held in unorganized territory.

[1965 c 44 s 1; 1974 c 406 s 14]

123.02-123.10 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS

123.11 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.11 COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS; MEETINGS, ELECTIONS. Subdivision 1. The annual meeting of all common districts shall be held on the last Tuesday in June, at eight o'clock p. m., unless a different hour has been fixed at the preceding annual meeting, upon ten days' posted notice given by the clerk, and specifying the matters to come before such meeting; but failure of the clerk to give such notice, or to specify the business to be transacted thereat, shall not affect the validity of any business, except the raising of money to build or purchase a school house, the authorizing of an issue of bonds, the fixing of a school house site, or the organization as an independent district. At the annual meeting in a common district five legal voters shall constitute a quorum. The chairman and clerk of the board shall officiate in their respective capacities at all meetings of the electors of the district. In the event of the absence of the chairman or clerk, the voters shall elect a chairman or clerk pro tem. The voters shall have the power in an annual meeting to repeal and modify their proceedings. The polls at all meetings shall be open at least one hour.

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Subd. 2. The annual meeting shall have power to elect by ballot officers of the district. In all elections or vote by ballot, the clerk shall record the names of all voters participating therein and the chairman shall appoint two electors who with the assistance of the clerk shall supervise the balloting and canvass the votes. If any candidates receive an equal number of votes for an office, the board shall resolve the tie by lot.

Subd. 3. Any person desiring to be a candidate for a district office at the annual meeting of the district shall file with the clerk of the district an application to be placed on the ballot for such office, or any five voters of the district may file such application for or on behalf of any qualified voter in the district that they desire shall be such candidate. The application shall be filed not less than 12 days before the annual school district meeting. The clerk of the district, in his notice of annual meeting, shall state the names of the candidates for whom applications have been filed, failure to do so shall not affect the validity of the election thereafter held. At the annual meeting of common districts, nomination of candidates for offices may be made from the floor by any qualified voter.

Subd. 4. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district, necessary ballots for the election of officers placing thereon the names of the proposed candidates for such office with a blank space after such names, such ballots shall be marked and signed as official ballots, and the ballots so prepared by the clerk of the district shall be used to the exclusion of all other ballots at such annual meeting or election in the election of officers of the district.

Subd. 5. At the first meeting of each district, the chairman shall be elected to hold office until July 1 following the next annual meeting. The treasurer, until one year from such date, and the clerk until two years from such date.

Subd. 6. A board member elected at an annual meeting upon notice from the clerk, shall, on or before the first Saturday in July, file with the clerk his acceptance of the office and his official oath. Any person appointed by the board or elected at a special meeting to fill a vacancy shall file in writing his acceptance of the office and his official oath within ten days after the notice of such appointment or election by the clerk. A person who fails to qualify prior to the time specified shall be deemed to have refused to serve, but such filing, if made at any time before action to fill the vacancy has been taken, shall be sufficient.

Subd. 7. Upon the filing of a petition therefor, executed by five resident freeholders of the common district, specifying the business to be acted upon, or upon the adoption of a proper resolution, so specifying, signed by a majority of the members of the board, the clerk shall forthwith call a special meeting of the district upon ten days' posted notice and one week's published notice if there be a newspaper printed in such district and specify in such notice the business named in such request or resolution and the time and place of the meeting. If there be no clerk in the district or if he fails for three days after receiving such request or resolution to give notice of such meeting, it may be called by like notice by five freeholders qualified to vote of the district. No business except that named in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting. If there are not five voters who are freeholders in the district, or if there is not a board therein, the county superintendent may call a special meeting by giving notice thereof as provided in this section. The voters at a special meeting have power to repeal or modify their proceedings.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 2; 1965 c 33 s 1*]

123.12 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.12 BOARDS OF COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Subdivision 1. The care, management and control of a common district is vested in a board of three members to be known as the school board. The term of office of a member shall be three years, and until his successor qualifies. The board of each common district shall consist of a chairman, a treasurer, and a clerk. The board may by resolution establish a time and place for regular meeting and no notice of such meeting need be sent to any members of the board.

Subd. 2. The board shall submit to the annual meeting an estimate of the expenses of the district for the coming year for a school term as determined by the board and for such other specified purposes as the board may deem proper and if such meeting shall fail to vote a sufficient tax to maintain a school for such time, the board shall levy such tax; but no board shall expend any money or incur any

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liability for any purpose beyond the sum appropriated by vote of the district for such purpose, or levied by the board pursuant to this subdivision, or on hand and applicable thereto.

Subd. 3. A vacancy in any board occurs when a member (a) dies, or (b) resigns, or (c) ceases to be a resident of the district, or (d) is unable to serve on such board and attend its meetings for not less than 90 days because of illness or prolonged absence from the district.

Subd. 4. A vacancy caused by a member being unable to serve on such board and attend its meetings for not less than 90 days because of illness or prolonged absence from the district, may, after the board has by resolution declared such vacancy to exist, be filled by the board for the remainder of the unexpired term, or until such ill or absent member is again able to resume his duties as a member of such board, whichever date is earlier. When such ill or absent member is again able to resume his duties as a member of the board, the board shall by resolution so determine and declare such person to be again a member of the board and the member appointed by the board in his place to be no longer a member thereof.

Subd. 5. Any other vacancy in a board shall be filled by the board at any regular meeting thereof or by a special meeting called for the purposes until such vacancy can be filled by election at the next annual meeting or election. Such appointment shall be evidenced by a resolution entered in the minutes. All elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term.

Subd. 6. A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum. No contract shall be made or authorized, except at a regular meeting of the board or at a special meeting at which all members are present or of which all members have had notice. Special meetings of the board may be called by the chairman or any member upon notice mailed to each member at least three days prior thereto.

Subd. 7. The board shall superintend and manage the schools of the district; adopt, modify, or repeal rules for their organization, government, and instruction and for the keeping of registers; and prescribe textbooks and courses of study.

Subd. 8. The board shall make and, when deemed advisable, change or repeal rules relating to the organization and management of the board and the duties of its officers.

Subd. 9. The board shall visit each school at least once every three months.

Subd. 10. The clerk or secretary, treasurer, and superintendent of any district shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the board. The other members of the board shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the board but not to exceed \$5 per diem nor more than \$75 a year. All members of the board may receive reimbursement for transportation at the rate provided for in section 43.328.

Subd. 11. The district shall pay the necessary expenses of the board, including \$5 per day for attending one meeting of the boards of the county in each year, when called by the county superintendent, and mileage according to section 43.328.

Subd. 12. The school board of any school district of this state by a two-thirds vote may become a member of the Minnesota school board association or the Minnesota association of public schools, or the metropolitan area school board association, and appoint one or more of its members to attend its annual meeting. The amount of annual membership dues in the association and actual and necessary expense incurred in attending such meeting shall be paid as other expenses of the district are paid.

Subd. 13. The board of any district may become a member of the county school officers' association of the county and shall appoint one or more of its members to attend the annual meeting thereof. The amount of the annual membership dues in such association shall not exceed \$5, which amount shall be paid as other expenses of the district are paid.

Subd. 14. At its first meeting following July 1 each year, the board shall designate, by resolution, as the official newspaper of the district, some legal newspaper of general circulation within the district, and contract with such newspaper for its publications. If there is more than one such newspaper, the board shall let such contract to the lowest responsible bidder at the earliest practicable date. All notices and proceedings required by law to be published by the board shall be pub-

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lished in the official newspaper so designated. The fees for such publication shall not exceed the fees for publication of legal notices as prescribed by Minnesota Statutes.

Subd. 15. The school board of any school district of this state by a two thirds vote may become a member of an association of vocational schools and may appoint one or more of its members to attend the annual meeting of such association. The amount of annual membership dues in the association and actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending such meeting shall be paid as other expenses of the district are paid.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 3; 1967 c 176 s 1]

123.13 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.13 OFFICERS OF COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Subdivision 1. The chairman, when present, shall preside at all meetings of the board and of the district; countersign all orders upon the treasurer for claims allowed by the board; represent the district in all actions and perform all the duties usually incumbent on such officer.

In case of absence, inability, or refusal of the clerk to draw orders for the payment of money authorized by a vote of the majority of the board to be paid, the orders may be drawn by the chairman, and paid by the treasurer, a statement thereof, with a copy of such orders, being delivered to the clerk by the treasurer, or the office of the clerk may be declared vacant by the chairman and treasurer and filled by appointment.

Subd. 2. The treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all money in the district and disburse the same on orders signed by the clerk and countersigned by the chairman or other vouchers authorized by law; provided, that, in the event that the chairman has been continuously absent from the district for a period of 30 days or more, the treasurer may pay orders without the signature of the chairman. Each order shall state the fund on which it is drawn, the name of the payee, and the nature of the claim for which such order is issued and shall be so drawn that when signed by the treasurer in an appropriate place, it becomes a check on the school district depository. He shall keep an account of each fund, and of all receipts and disbursements showing the sources of all receipts and the nature and purpose of disbursements. He shall deposit the funds of the district in the official depository in accordance with the provisions of law.

Subd. 3. Within three days preceding the last Tuesday in June, the treasurer shall file with the clerk, a report of his balances, receipts and disbursements by funds for the year. Such report, together with his vouchers, shall be examined by the board and, if found correct, approved by resolution entered in the records. If incomplete a further or amended report may be required by the board. He shall make such further reports as may from time to time be called for by the board and perform all duties usually incumbent on such officer.

Subd. 4. In the event that valid orders are presented to the treasurer for payment, and he has insufficient funds on hand to pay them, he shall receive, endorse and process them in accordance with section 124.06.

Subd. 5. Every district treasurer shall give a corporate surety bond to the state, the board to fix the specific amount of the bond in an amount that will protect the interest of the district and pay the premium therefor, and the bond to be approved by the board and conditioned for the faithful discharge of his official duties. The board may, at any time by a majority vote, require the treasurer to give a new or an additional bond and upon his failure to furnish same within a reasonable time after notice, the board shall declare the office of treasurer vacant. Any bond hereunder, before approval by the board, shall be approved as to its form by the state auditor, county attorney, or an attorney designated by the school board. All such bonds shall be filed with the auditor and the auditor shall not deliver any warrants for tax settlements or state aids until such bond has been filed.

Subd. 6. When the duty devolves upon any person employed by a board to receive money and pay it over to the treasurer of the district the district shall require a bond from such person and pay all premiums therefor. The amount of each bond shall be fixed by the board and the bond approved by it. The bond shall be not less than \$500 conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty and shall be filed with the clerk. In lieu of individual bonds the district may prescribe and keep in effect a schedule or position insurance policy or blanket bond in such aggregate

amount as the district determines insuring the fidelity of such persons in the amount of not less than \$500 for each such person.

Subd. 7. The clerk shall keep in books provided for that purpose a record of all meetings of the district and the board. He shall within three days after the meeting, notify all persons elected upon any board, or as officers of any district, of their election and, on or before July 10 in each year, make and transmit to the county superintendent a certified report, showing:

1. The condition and value of school property;
2. The receipts and disbursements in detail, and such other financial matters as may be called for by the commissioner;
3. The length of school term and the enrollment and attendance by grades;
4. The names and post-office addresses of all board members and officers; and
5. Such other items of information as may be called for by the state commissioner.

He shall enter in his record book copies of all his reports and of the teachers' term reports, as they appear in the registers, and of the proceedings of any meeting as furnished him by a clerk pro tem, and keep an itemized account of all the expenses of the district. He shall report to the county superintendent the time of commencement of each term at least two weeks in advance. He shall furnish to the auditor of the proper county, on or before October 10 of each year, an attested copy of his record, showing the amount of money voted by the district or the board for school purposes; draw and sign all orders upon the treasurer for the payment of money for bills allowed by the board for salaries of officers or for teachers' wages, to be countersigned by the chairman. Such orders shall state the consideration, payee and fund and the clerk shall take a receipt therefor. Teachers' wages shall have preference in the order in which they become due and no money applicable for teachers' wages shall be used for any other purpose, nor shall teachers' wages be paid from any fund except that raised or apportioned for that purpose.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 4; 1965 c 69 s 1; 1973 c 492 s 7]

123.14 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.14 GENERAL POWERS OF COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Subdivision

1. The board shall have the general charge of the business of the district, the school houses, and of the interests of the schools thereof.

Subd. 2. It shall be the duty and function of the district to furnish school facilities to every child of school age residing in any part of the district. It shall establish and organize, and alter and discontinue, such grades or schools as it may deem advisable and assign to each school and grade a proper number of pupils; provided, that where a board discontinues grades or schools it shall make provision for the instruction of pupils of such grades or schools.

Subd. 3. The voters of the district may authorize the issuance of bonds of the district in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

Subd. 4. The board shall employ and contract with necessary qualified teachers and discharge the same for cause, but no substitute teacher shall be hired except to replace a regular teacher on leave of absence or in an emergency of less than one school year's duration.

Subd. 5. The board may provide library facilities as part of its school equipment according to the standards of the state board of education.

Subd. 6. The board may establish and maintain public evening schools and adult education programs as a branch of the public schools, and such evening schools and adult education programs when so maintained shall be available to all persons over 16 years of age who, from any cause, are unable to attend the full time school of such district.

Subd. 7. The board may purchase all necessary books and school supplies for indigent pupils.

Subd. 8. The board shall furnish free textbooks to all pupils.

Subd. 9. The board may furnish school lunches for pupils and teachers on such terms as it determines.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 5]

123.15 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.15 SCHOOLHOUSES AND SITES, COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Sub-

division 1. When authorized by the voters at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, the board may acquire necessary sites for school houses, or enlargements or additions to existing school house sites, by lease, pur-

chase, or condemnation under the right of eminent domain; lease, erect or purchase garages for district-owned school buses; and sell or exchange school houses or sites and execute deeds of conveyances thereof. It may acquire by lease, purchase, or condemnation under eminent domain suitable tracts of land either within or without the district for the purpose of instruction, experimentation, and demonstration in agriculture. In any city, a school site when practicable shall contain at least one block, and, if outside of any city two acres; and when any school house site shall contain less than such amount the board may, without a vote of the electors, acquire other land adjacent to or near such site to make, with such site, all or part of such amount. When property is taken by eminent domain by authority of this subdivision, when needed by the district for such purpose, the fact that the property so needed has been acquired by the owner under the power of eminent domain, or is already devoted to public use, shall not prevent its acquisition by the district.

Subd. 2. The annual meeting or election shall have power to designate a site for a school house and provide for building or otherwise placing a school house thereon, when proper notice has been given; but a site on which a school house stands or is begun shall not be changed except by vote therefor, of three-fifths of the voters of the district voting on the question.

Subd. 3. When authorized by a two-thirds majority of all the electors voting at an annual or special meeting, the board may erect, purchase, or acquire a dwelling house for the use of its teachers; provided that the proposition shall be submitted only at a meeting or election, the notice of which stated that such proposition would be considered or submitted thereat.

Subd. 4. The board shall provide proper sanitary facilities for the schools, plant shade trees and shrubbery and otherwise improve school sites, procure insurance on school property, and make proper ordinary repairs thereon.

Subd. 5. The board may build or assist in building sidewalks for the use of pupils and the general public connecting with sidewalks in municipalities and leading to the school house. The governing body of any municipality may likewise appropriate money for the same purpose or to assist the district.

Subd. 6. When necessary, the board shall lease rooms for school purposes.

Subd. 7. The board shall purchase, sell and exchange school apparatus, furniture, stoves, buses and other equipment as may be deemed necessary by the board for school purposes.

Subd. 8. The board shall provide for the heating and care of school houses and rooms and may provide for the heating and care of garages which house school buses.

Subd. 9. The board may contract for the furnishing of heat for its buildings for such a term as it may deem for the best interest of the district, not exceeding ten years. Where it is necessary to lay mains or pipes to connect these buildings with its heating system, the district is authorized to advance all, or any part, of the cost thereon upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon.

Subd. 10. The board may authorize the use of any school houses in the district for divine worship, Sunday schools, public meetings, elections and such other community purposes as in its judgment will not interfere with their use for school purposes; but before permitting such use, the board may require a cash or corporate surety bond in a reasonable amount conditioned for the proper use of such school house, the payment of all rent and the repair of all damage occasioned by such use, and it may charge and collect for the use of the district from the persons using such school house such reasonable compensation as it may fix.

The board may authorize the use of any school houses or buildings in and of the district for the holding of primaries, elections, registrations and all acts in connection therewith, in such manner as, in its judgment, will not interfere with their use for school purposes. It may impose such reasonable regulations and conditions upon such use as may seem meet and proper.

[Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 6; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7]

123.16 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.16 COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CONTRACTS. Subdivision 1. No contract for work or labor, or for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or other property, except books registered under the copyright laws, or for the construction or repair of school houses, the estimated cost or value of which shall exceed \$2,000, shall be made by the board without first advertising for bids or proposals by two weeks' published notice in the official newspaper. Such notice shall state the time

and place of receiving bids and contain a brief description of the subject matter. Additional publication in the official newspaper or elsewhere may be made as the board shall deem necessary.

Every such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, duly executed in writing, and the person to whom the same is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance, and otherwise conditioned as required by law. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise.

Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be void; provided, that in case of the destruction of buildings or injury thereto, where the public interest would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids.

NOTE: See section 471.345.

Subd. 2. Members of the board are authorized to contract with, do work for, and furnish supplies to the school district subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.87.

Subd. 3. Any contract made by the board for the rental of rooms for school purposes, or for the free transportation of pupils to and from schools; or for the rental of any facility or facilities owned or operated by or under the direction of any private organization, shall be effective until disapproved by the commissioner, and all such contracts shall be submitted to him for approval immediately after being signed by the parties.

Subd. 4. The commissioner shall approve each such contract unless it appears from the information available to him that:

(a) The amount to be paid by the school district concerned for the rooms or facilities rented, or for the transportation to be furnished, under such contract substantially exceeds the reasonable value thereof;

(b) The rooms or facilities to be furnished are not reasonably required for or suitable to the operation of the schools of the district, or the transportation contracted for is not suitable to the requirements of the district; or the contract does not provide adequately against any encroachment on or interference with the conduct of a public school, or

(c) The contract does not conform to law or a duly promulgated regulation of general application of the state board of education.

Subd. 5. If the commissioner determines that one or more of such circumstances (a), (b) and (c) exists, he shall notify the district board, giving it a reasonable stated time in which to meet the objections specified in the notice. If the contract is not so changed within that time, it shall be disapproved by the commissioner. If the contract is approved the commissioner shall so notify the board. The commissioner's action together with a statement as to whether or not a petition to review such action has been filed as hereinafter provided, shall appear in the proceedings of the next meeting of the board, held after receipt of notice from the commissioner, and the proceedings shall briefly identify the contract approved or disapproved.

Subd. 6. The determination of the commissioner disapproving a contract shall be subject to the review of the state board of education, on the petition of the board, made pursuant to its resolution.

Subd. 7. The determination of the commissioner approving a contract shall be subject to the review of the state board of education, on the petition of voters of such district equal in number of five percent of those who voted at the last annual election or annual meeting of the district, except that there shall be at least five petitioners and that no more than 25 petitioners shall be required. Such petition must be filed in duplicate with the commissioner on or before the tenth day after the publication of the proceedings of the meeting of the district board which show the determination of the commissioner, the review of which is asked, or the thirtieth day after such determination, whichever date is earlier.

Subd. 8. Such petition shall:

(a) Identify the determination of the commissioner sought to be reviewed and the contract in question by the names of the parties to it, and

(b) Allege the grounds upon which the determination of the commissioner is claimed to have been erroneous, but such allegation may be on information and belief of the petitioners, and

(c) State the names, post office addresses, and voting residences of the petitioners, and

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(d) State the person or persons, not more than three, and their respective post office addresses, who are authorized to receive for all of the petitioners any notices with respect to the review or any subsequent proceeding. A person, not a resident of the district, may be so named.

Subd. 9. Upon the filing of a proper petition, the commissioner shall set a time and place for hearing thereof, which shall not be less than ten nor more than 30 days after such filing. He shall cause notice of such hearing to be given by mail to the parties to the contract affected and to the person or persons named in the petition as authorized to receive notice, and in addition shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper qualified to publish proceedings of the district board concerned.

Subd. 10. The state board shall adopt rules governing the proceedings for review not inconsistent with the requirements hereof. Such rules shall be designed to give a full and fair hearing and to permit interested parties an opportunity to produce evidence relating to the issues involved. Such rules may provide that any question of fact to be determined upon such review may be referred to one or more members of the board or to an employee of the state board of education acting as a referee to hear evidence and report to the state board the testimony taken.

Subd. 11. The state board, or the parties to the proceedings, or any person designated to receive evidence upon a review shall have the same right to issue and procure subpoenas and administer oaths as are granted in proceedings before the department of labor and industry. There shall be a stenographic record made of all testimony given and other proceedings during such hearing, and as far as practicable, rules governing reception of evidence in courts shall obtain.

Subd. 12. The decision of the state board shall be in writing and the controlling facts found upon which the decision is made shall be stated in sufficient detail to appraise the parties and the reviewing court of the basis and reason of the decision. If it is the decision of the state board that none of the grounds of disapproval specified herein exist, the contract in question shall be approved; if it is the decision of the state board that one or more of those grounds exist, the contract shall be disapproved.

Subd. 13. The decision of the state board may be reviewed on certiorari by the district court of the county in which the school district or any part thereof is located, and the reasonableness of the state board's decision under all the circumstances of the case shown by the record will be of a judicial question of fact.

Subd. 14. The fact of approval or disapproval of a contract shall not be evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding growing out of the making or performance of the contract or related to the official conduct of the members of the district board. Proceeding or failure to proceed shall not preclude any civil or criminal action otherwise proper. Necessary costs and disbursements, exclusive of those incurred in the administrative proceedings, on review by certiorari shall be taxed against the losing party and in the event taxed against the state shall be paid from the appropriations made to the state department of education for the payment of special state aids.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 7; Ex1967 c 1 s 6*]

123.17 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.17 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS; INSURANCE. Subdivision 1. Whenever it shall appear to be beneficial and for the best interest of the district and the pupils of the district to carry on any school sport activities or educational activities connected with their studies outside of the territorial limits of the district, the board may authorize such activities to be conducted under such rules and regulations as the board deems sufficient. The district may pay all necessary costs therefor from the school funds available including transportation.

Subd. 2. The board, may, and upon vote of the district, shall take charge of and control all school and quasi school activities of the teachers and children of the public schools in that district held in the school buildings or school grounds or under the supervision or direction of the school board and to that end adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of athletic, oratorical, musical, dramatic and other contests and entertainments in which the school of its district or any class or pupils therein may participate. All money received on account of such entertainments and contests shall be turned over to the district treasurer, who shall keep the same in a separate fund to be known as the school auxiliary fund, to be disbursed for ex-

penses connected with such entertainments or contests, or otherwise, by the board upon properly allowed itemized claims. Where the district has taken charge and control of such funds the treasurer and his bondsmen and legal depositories shall be subject to the same liability for such funds as for other school funds as provided by law and such funds shall be considered public funds for purposes of examination and auditing. Any donations to the district for specific objects and purposes and other than for the primary purposes of the district, shall be placed in the fund hereinbefore referred to and in like manner disbursed; the request of the donor therefor being complied with in regard to the purpose of such disbursements, if the school board shall consider that the interest of the district will be promoted thereby.

No such school or quasi school entertainment or contest in any district in which the board shall act under the provision of this subdivision shall be participated in by the teachers of pupils in the public schools of such district, nor shall the school name or any allied name be used in connection therewith, except by consent and direction of the board.

Subd. 3. The board of any district in this state may enter into a contract providing for the payment of cash benefits or the rendering or payment of hospital and medical benefits, or both to school children injured while participating in the athletic or supervised physical activities of the school, such contract to make the payment of such benefits or the rendering thereof the direct and sole obligation of the association or company entering into such contract with the district.

If the board deems it advisable, it may authorize employees to collect fees from the pupils enrolled in said school who are to be or are covered by such contract, and to make payment of the premium or other charge for such contract or protection, provided payment of such premium or other charge shall not be made from funds received from the federal government or from the state or any governmental subdivision thereof, nor from funds derived by a tax levy or the issuance of bonds.

The payment of any fees, premium or other charge by such child shall not thereby make the district liable for any injuries incurred from such athletic or supervised physical school activities.

Subd. 4. The insurance laws of this state shall not apply to non-profit benefit and relief associations formed by the public schools or offices of public schools or the Minnesota state high school league, the privileges of which and applications for membership in which are confined to pupils of the schools, and the benefits and relief to be derived therefrom are limited to pupils injured or disabled from participation in school athletics or any supervised school activity.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 8]

123.18 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.18 COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TRANSPORTATION. Subdivision 1. The board may provide for the free transportation of pupils to and from school and to schools in other districts for grades and departments not maintained in the district, including high school, at the expense of the district, when funds are available therefor and if agreeable to the district to which it is proposed to transport the pupils, for the whole or a part of the school year as it may deem advisable, and subject to its rules. Every driver shall possess all the qualifications required by the rules of the state board of education.

Subd. 2. The board may enter into a contract for the purpose of providing transportation, and may purchase gasoline and furnish same to a contract carrier for use in the performance of a contract with the school district for transportation of school children to and from school.

Subd. 3. The board may purchase school buses either outright or on the installment plan, installments to be all paid within a period not to exceed three years from the date of purchase. On the deferred payments, the rate of interest is not to exceed four percent per annum.

Subd. 4. The board may provide for the instruction of any resident pupil in another district when inadequate room, distance to school, unfavorable road conditions, or other facts or conditions make attendance in his own district unreasonably difficult or impractical, in which case such district shall pay to the district so attended the tuition agreed upon or charged and may provide transportation; provided, that such pupil shall continue to be a pupil of the district of his residence for the payment of apportionment and other state aids.

Subd. 5. The board may provide for the admission to the schools of the district of non-resident pupils, and those above school age, and fix the rates of tui-

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tion for such pupils. In case a person owns land and pays the taxes thereon, in a district other than the one in which he resides, then such person or his tenant shall be admitted to all benefits of said school the same as residents therein in respect to elementary pupils upon conforming to such reasonable terms for tuition and transportation as the board of education of such school district may have established for non-residents, except that he shall be entitled to have the amount of school taxes which he pays to the support of said district applied in payment of said tuition and transportation fees. In the payment of state aid, the district in which the pupil attends shall be considered the district of his residence because of the provisions of this subdivision.

Subd. 6. The board may transport pupils residing outside of the district but attending school therein upon pupils presenting themselves within the district on one of the regular routes traveled in the transportation of the pupils of the district.

Subd. 7. If high school pupils from a district within this state are being transported to a school in another state, the school board of the district from which the pupils are being transported may provide free transportation and tuition for any or all of its elementary pupils to such school in another state and be entitled to state aid as provided by law.

Subd. 8. The board may rent to any person, for any lawful purpose, any school bus owned by the district. The use and operation of such bus by such person shall not interfere with the use and operation of such bus by the district for the transportation of school children to and from school. Any such lessee so leasing or renting buses may use and operate the same as provided in this section without the payment of a motor vehicle tax thereon as provided by law. Any such lessee shall be liable for any and all claims for injuries and damages arising out of the use and operation of any bus so leased or rented; and the leasing or renting of any such bus shall be conditioned upon said lessee or renter procuring, at its own expense, insurance protecting the board and district against any and all claims for injuries and damages arising out of the use and operation of said bus.

Subd. 9. The board may provide for the protection of school children in the district being transported for all school purposes or activities in the district owned, operated, leased or controlled motor vehicles, against injuries or damages arising out of the operation thereof. If the board deems it advisable, insurance may be procured and paid for from any funds available. Any insurance contract covering such risk shall contain, as a condition precedent, a clause or provision expressly waiving the defense, by the insurer, that the district is engaged in a governmental function. The payment of any insurance premiums by such district shall not thereby make the district liable for any injuries or damages incurred by such transportation.

Subd. 10. The board may provide and pay the premiums for the protection for school children, instructors and automobile owners, and any other agency cooperating in providing cars for districts where driver training courses are being offered, against public liability, property damage, collision, fire and theft, arising out of the operation of any vehicle used in the course. Nothing herein shall make the district liable for injuries resulting from the actions of such persons.

Subd. 11. The board may provide and pay the premiums for insurance against injuries resulting to its pupils while assigned to and acting on a school safety patrol which insurance may provide for the payment of either cash benefits to such injured pupil or for the payment of hospital and medical benefits to or for such injured pupil, or both. Nothing herein shall be construed to in any way make the district liable for such injuries.

Subd. 12. The board is authorized to enter into contracts for the removal of snow from the roads used for regular bus routes transporting pupils to and from school either within or without the district.

[*Ex 1959 c 71 art 4 s 9 subd 1-12; 1963 c 663 s 1*]

NOTE: School buses, regulations, see section 169.45.

123.19 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.19 COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SPECIFIC POWERS AND DUTIES.

Subdivision 1. The board shall defray the necessary expenses of the board, including record books, stationery, and other incidental matters as may be proper.

Subd. 2. The board shall provide for the payment of all just claims against the district in cases provided by law.

Subd. 3. In all proper cases, the board shall prosecute and defend actions by or against the district.

Subd. 4. The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated.

Subd. 5. The board may make rules and regulations respecting and providing for the protection of and use of the property of the district, and change or repeal such rules.

Subd. 6. The district may employ qualified accountants for the purpose of auditing, examining and reporting upon the books and records of account of the district.

Subd. 7. The district may destroy the following records:

(1) Claims and vouchers paid by the district more than ten years prior to such destruction;

(2) Receipts, miscellaneous papers and correspondence bearing dates more than ten years prior to destruction;

(3) Orders and checks paid more than ten years prior to destruction.

The officer having custody of said records shall obtain written approval of the governing body of the district. The approval shall be in the form of a resolution listing the classes of records authorized to be destroyed and the range of dates of the records in each class. A copy of the resolution consenting to the destruction of such records shall be sent to the state archives commission. If no petition or application requesting the records from the archives commission is received by said district within 30 days after mailing of the resolution the records shall be destroyed by the officer having custody.

This subdivision is supplementary to other statutory authority to destroy obsolete district records and does not prevent destruction of such records at an earlier time or the destruction of other records when authorized by other statutory provisions.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 10; 1961 c 562 s 10*]

123.20 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.20 COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT, LIABILITY INSURANCE, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. The governing body of any common school district may procure insurance against liability of the school district or of its officers and employees for damages resulting from wrongful acts and omissions of the school district and its officers and employees, whether the acts or omissions relate to governmental or proprietary functions of the school district. Insofar as this insurance relates to governmental functions of the school district, the policy of insurance shall contain a provision under which the insurance company agrees to waive the defense of governmental immunity up to the limits of the policy unless the school district consents to the assertion of that defense.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 11*]

123.21 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.21 LIMITATION OF SECTIONS. Material contained in sections 123.11 through 123.20, unless expressly stated otherwise, relates only to common school districts.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 12*]

123.22, 123.23 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.24 M.S. 1957 [Renumbered 128.01]

123.25 M.S. 1957 [Renumbered 128.02]

123.26 M.S. 1957 [Renumbered 128.03]

123.27 M.S. 1957 [Renumbered 128.04]

123.28 M.S. 1957 [Renumbered 128.05]

123.29 M.S. 1957 [Renumbered 128.06]

123.30 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

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123.31 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.31 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, VOTING MACHINES. Subdivision 1. The school board of any independent school district, at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose, may provide for the use of voting machines at all elections to be held therein. Said school board and any municipal corporation, owning or using voting machines may enter into an agreement for the rental and use of said voting machines by said school district for school elections in said district.

Subd. 2. The provisions of section 203.21, subdivision 4, sections 206.02 to 206.23, shall apply to the use of voting machines in school elections insofar as applicable.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 13; 1961 c 562 s 11]

123.32 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.32 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ELECTIONS. Subdivision 1. Unless a different date is permitted under the provisions of subdivision 22, the annual election in independent districts shall be held on the third Tuesday in May.

Subd. 2. At least 15 days before the election, the board shall, by resolution, determine precinct boundaries, if more than one is desired, and establish polling places for each precinct and appoint three or more election judges for each polling place and determine the hours the polls shall be open. The board may provide by resolution, for additional judges to count the votes after the polls close, the new judges to replace the previously acting judges. If no action is taken by the board, the precinct boundaries and polling places shall be the same as those of the preceding election in the district.

Subd. 3. The clerk of the district shall give ten days' posted notice of the election and also if there be a newspaper published in the district, one week's published notice shall be given. The notice shall specify the time, place and purpose of the election, and shall contain information concerning the precincts, polling places and hours the polls shall be open.

Subd. 4. At the annual election board members shall be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on July 1 next following the election. Any person desiring to be a candidate for a district office at the election shall file with the clerk of the district a written application to be placed on the ballot for such office, or any five voters of the district may file such written application for or on behalf of any qualified voter in the district that they desire shall be such candidate. The application shall be filed not more than 45 nor less than 21 days before the election.

Subd. 5. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district, necessary ballots for the election of officers, placing thereon the names of the proposed candidates with the same number of blank spaces for the insertion of names of other candidates as there are members to be elected. The name of each candidate for office shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates for the same office so that the name of each candidate appears substantially an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom, and at each intermediate place in the group of candidates for that office. The ballots shall be marked and initialed by at least two judges as official ballots and shall be used exclusively at the election. Any proposition to be voted upon shall be stated on a separate ballot. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The facsimile signature of the clerk shall appear on the backs of the ballots.

Subd. 6. Election judges may be paid by the district at a rate determined by the board. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast, and submit them to the board for canvass.

Subd. 7. The board of any independent school district, at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose, may provide for the use of voting machines at all elections to be held therein. Said board and any municipal corporation, owning or using voting machines, may enter into an agreement for the rental and use of said voting machines by said district for school elections in said district. The provisions of section 203.21, subdivision 4, sections 206.02 to 206.23, shall apply to the use of voting machines in school elections insofar as applicable.

Subd. 8. After canvassing the election, the board shall issue a certificate of election to the candidate for each office who received the largest number of votes cast for the office. If any candidates receive an equal number of votes for an office, the board shall resolve the tie by lot. The clerk shall deliver such certificate to the person entitled thereto by registered mail, and each person so certified shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the school district clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing of the certificate. A person who fails to qualify prior to the time specified shall be deemed to have refused to serve, but such filing may be made at any time before action to fill the vacancy has been taken.

Subd. 9. Any independent district may for the purpose of the election of board members alter its organization into separate election districts by the following procedure.

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Subd. 10. Except in an independent school district located wholly or partly within a city of the first class upon resolution of the board which resolution may be made on its own motion or shall be made upon presentation of a petition therefor signed by at least 50 electors of the district, the board shall divide the district into as many separate election districts as there are members of the board, which proposal shall be submitted to an election as hereinafter provided.

Subd. 11. The election district lines drawn in cities shall follow the lines of streets or highways, and in areas outside of cities the lines drawn shall follow the lines of sections or quarter sections or highways.

Subd. 12. No one election district shall contain more than 20 percent of the total population of the district according to the most recent state or federal decennial census; or the district may conduct a special census for the purpose.

Subd. 13. The board shall designate each election district by number and by a metes and bounds description sufficient and adequate to permit identification of the geographical limits of the area.

Subd. 14. The board shall make its determination by a resolution within six months after the resolution of the board authorizing the establishment of election districts.

Subd. 15. Boundaries of separate election districts once established under provisions of this section or boundaries of election districts in independent districts which have converted from special districts may be changed or altered by the electorate of a district voting upon a question presented in the manner required by this section for initial establishment of such separate election districts, except that the initiating petition for change of boundaries must be signed by at least 250 voters of the school district.

Subd. 16. Upon adoption of such division of the district by resolution the board shall cause its decision to be voted upon by the electorate at a special election called for the purpose.

Subd. 17. Such election shall be held on the notice and in the manner provided by law for the conduct of special elections.

Subd. 18. The question presented at the special election shall be: "Shall the school district be reorganized into election districts with boundaries as established in Resolution No of the school board, dated?"

Yes
No"

Subd. 19. If the resolution is approved by a majority of those voting at the election the board shall forthwith meet, and by resolution establish a separate polling place for each election district. Polling places for two or more election districts may be located in the same building. Adequate precautions for proper division of the vote among election districts shall be taken by the board.

Subd. 20. Any qualified voter may file with the clerk of the district an application to be placed on the ballot in his particular election district as a candidate for office as a member of the school board from such district.

Subd. 21. At the next election of board members, and at each election thereafter held to elect members of the board, one and only one member of the board shall be elected from each election district established under the provisions of this section.

The board shall specify the election districts from which vacancies shall be filled as they occur until such time as the representation specified in this section is attained.

Subd. 22. The board of an independent district may and upon petition of 50 or more voters of the district or five percent of the number of votes cast at the preceding regular election, which ever is the greater, shall by resolution call a special election to vote on any matter requiring approval of the voters of the district. The clerk of the district shall give ten days' posted notice and one week's published notice of election, if there be a newspaper published in such district. The notice shall specify the time and place of election, and the questions to be submitted to the voters at the election. The procedure for a special election shall be the same as for a regular election.

Subd. 23. (1) Unless action is taken by the board under subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this subdivision, in a district which is reclassified to an independent district from a county district or a common district containing ten or more townships, by provisions of this code, the board of such district shall continue to govern the

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district until July 1 following the next annual election as provided for independent districts, at which election six members shall be elected at large from the district, two members for a one-year term from July 1 next following the election, two members for a two-year term from said July 1, and two members for a three-year term from said July 1, to serve until a successor is elected and qualifies; if such district is reclassified to an independent district from a common district of ten or more townships containing less than ten schools, the board of such district shall continue to govern the district, and the members presently serving shall continue to the end of their term. At the next annual election of school board members following July 1 following the adoption of the code, two members shall be elected for a three-year term and one member for a two-year term each commencing on July 1 next following the election. Thereafter, members shall be elected as in independent districts.

(2) In any district which is reclassified from a common district of ten or more townships to an independent district by the provisions of this code, the election of the board members may be held biennially concurrently with the general elections in the areas by resolution of the board made within 90 days of the adoption of this code. Board members presently serving shall continue in office until the expiration of the term to which they were elected. At the next general election following the adoption of the code, board members shall be elected to fill all vacancies then occurring and any vacancies caused by reclassification to an independent district. Provided that three board members shall be elected for a term of four years each and any necessary additional board members shall be elected for a term of two years each, to serve until a successor is elected and qualifies. The term of members shall commence on the first Monday in January following the general election. Thereafter, three members shall be elected at each general election for a term of four years from the first Monday in January following the general election.

(3) If a reclassified district was a county district and if the board of such district determines, by resolution, to retain its organization providing for area representation and a five man board, a resolution affecting such organization may be adopted by the board at any time before 30 days before the next election following the effective date of this code. The resolution, if adopted, shall divide the district into five election districts coterminous with the county commissioner districts, and shall specify the terms to which members from each election district shall be elected so as to provide for a continuation of the present organizational structure of the board. In a district which is reclassified to an independent school district from a county district by provisions of this code, the election of board members may be held biennially from county commissioner districts as now established concurrently with the general elections in the areas upon resolution of the board adopted at least 30 days before the election next following the effective date of this code. If such a resolution is adopted, board members presently serving shall continue in office until the expiration of the term to which they were elected to serve until a successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, vacancies caused by expiration of term shall be filled at each general election for a term of four years from the first Monday in January following the general election. Districts reclassified as independent districts that were county districts shall also have the powers and duties contained in sections 128.03 to 128.06 in addition to their status as an independent district.

Subd. 24. (a) Any person entitled to vote in an election in an independent district who will be absent from the district at the time the election is held, or who by reason of physical disability or religious discipline will be unable to appear at the polling place at the time the election is held, may vote by mail or hand deliver an absentee ballot envelope in accordance with this subdivision.

(b) Not more than 45 nor less than one day before the election a voter desiring an absentee ballot shall make a request in writing for an absentee ballot to the clerk of the district. The request shall be made in person or by mail and shall state substantially the following: a) the permanent address of the applicant; b) the reason the applicant cannot vote in person; c) that the applicant wishes a ballot for (date election to be held); and d) that the applicant will be qualified to vote at the election. The application shall be signed and sworn before an officer authorized to administer oaths. The temporary mailing address, if any, of the applicant shall be included in the request.

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(c) As soon as the ballots are printed, the clerk shall, by certified mail or in person, deliver a ballot to each applicant. The clerk also shall furnish a "ballot envelope" and a return envelope, both envelopes addressed to the clerk of the district.

(d) Together with the ballot and envelopes the clerk shall furnish an instruction sheet to each applicant. The sheet shall read: "Absentee Voting
School District No. Instructions

1. Mark your ballot in the usual manner making certain that no one observes how you vote.

2. Enclose ballot in 'ballot envelope' and seal. Do not make any marks on ballot envelope.

3. Place sealed 'ballot envelope' in regular mailing envelope furnished to you.

4. Execute certificate on bottom of this sheet and enclose with 'ballot envelope' in regular envelope and mail not later than one day before the election. If your ballot is received by the clerk after the close of the polls, it will not be counted.

CERTIFICATE

I,, hereby certify that I am a legal resident of
School District Number; that I am years of age and reside at; that I am under no legal disability to vote; that I am entitled to vote at this election in the district, and I will not vote in any manner other than by the ballot contained in the enclosed 'ballot envelope.'"

(e) Before any ballots are counted, the clerk shall deliver unopened all regular mailing envelopes which have come into his possession and all ballots delivered to him by the officers or employees of the United States post office department and all other ballot envelopes delivered to him in person prior to the opening of the ballot boxes by the judges together with all applications for absentee ballots to the judges of election at the proper polling places. The clerk shall sign his name over the seals of the regular mailing envelopes to insure against tampering and deliver the same to the judges after the polls have opened and before they close.

(f) Before opening the ballot boxes, the judges shall inspect the regular envelopes to ascertain that they were properly mailed and then open the regular envelopes and compare the signature on the certificate contained in the envelope with the signature as it appears on the application for absentee ballot. Having satisfied themselves that the vote should be allowed, one of the judges shall write the word "received" and his own initials on the "ballot envelope" and deposit the unopened "ballot envelope" in a separate absentees ballot box.

(g) After the polls have closed and before the regular ballot boxes are opened, the judges shall open the absentees ballot box, remove the ballot from each "ballot envelope", initial it and deposit it in the regular ballot box.

(h) Ballots received by the clerk after the count has been begun by the judges are void.

(i) The board is authorized to provide necessary funds to the clerk for the execution of this chapter.

(j) In any district where permanent registration of voters is required no ballot may be accepted from any voter who is not validly registered.

(k) Any person who shall wilfully make or sign any false certificate specified herein; any person who shall wilfully make any false or untrue statement in any application for an absentee ballot; any person who shall wilfully exhibit to any other person any ballot marked by him; any person who shall in any way wilfully do any act contrary to the terms and provisions of this chapter with intent to cast an illegal vote in any district or to aid another in so doing shall be guilty of a felony.

Subd. 25. (a) Any voter may contest the election of any person for or against whom he had the right to vote, who is declared elected to a school district office, or other questions submitted to public vote, by proceeding as follows:

He shall file with the clerk of the district court of the county in which the administrative office of the school district is located, within ten days after the canvass is completed, a written notice of contest specifying the points upon which the contest will be made, and cause a copy thereof to be served within said period as follows:

(1) If the contest be upon the election of any person, then upon the person

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whose election he is contesting and the official authorized to issue the certificate of election;

(2) If the contest be upon the question of consolidation or reorganization, then upon the county superintendent authorized by law to issue the order;

(3) If the contest be upon any other question, by serving a copy upon the clerk of the district.

When the contestee desires to offer testimony on points not specified in contestant's notice, he shall file and serve on the contestant notice thereof specifying such additional points. Such notices shall be treated as the pleadings in the case and may be amended in the discretion of the court in such manner and within such times as the court may by order direct. Thereafter the matter shall be tried and determined by the court at a time set by the court within 30 days after such canvass. So far as consistent with this section, the Rules of Civil Procedure shall apply.

(b) When an appeal is taken to the supreme court from the determination of the district court in any contest instituted under this code, the party appealing shall file in the district court a bond in such sum, not less than \$500, and with such sureties, as shall be approved by the judge, conditioned for the payment of all costs incurred by the respondent in case appellant fails on his appeal. The return of such appeal shall be made, certified, and filed in the supreme court within 15 days after service of notice of appeal. The appeal may be brought on for hearing in the court at any time when it is in session, upon ten days' notice from either party, which may be served during term time or in vacation; and it may be heard and determined summarily by the court.

Subd. 26. Each candidate may appoint by written certificate, and the judges shall permit, one person at a time to act as challenger of voters for each candidate for each precinct and shall be allowed to be in the polling place while the election is being held and to remain with the election judges until the votes are counted and shall be permitted to be in attendance when the school board canvasses the votes and declares the results.

Subd. 27. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person within 100 feet of the building in which any polling place is situated on the day of election to ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade any voter on such election day to vote for or refrain from voting for any candidate or measure submitted to the people.

(b) No person shall buy, sell, give, or provide any political badges, buttons, or other insignia to be worn at or about the polls on the day of election and no such political badge, button, or other insignia shall be worn at or about the polls on election day.

(c) No political signs or advertising designed to influence a voter on a question or candidate shall be displayed within 100 feet of the building in which the polling place is located on the day of election.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 14; 1961 c 562 s 12; 1965 c 33 s 2; 1965 c 503 s 1; 1967 c 852 s 1-4; 1969 c 9 s 26; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 477 s 1-3]

123.33 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.33 BOARDS OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Subdivision 1. The care, management, and control of independent districts shall be vested in a board of directors, to be known as the school board. The term of office of a member shall be three years and until his successor qualifies. The membership of the school board shall consist of six elected directors together with such ex officio member as may be provided by law. But the board may submit to the electors at any school election the question whether the board shall consist of seven members and if a majority of those voting on the proposition favor a seven member board, a seventh member shall be elected at the next election of directors for a three-year term and thereafter the board shall consist of seven members.

Subd. 2. A vacancy in any board occurs when a member (a) dies, or (b) resigns, or (c) ceases to be a resident of the district, or (d) is unable to serve on such board and attend its meetings for not less than 90 days because of illness or prolonged absence from the district.

Subd. 3. A vacancy caused by a member being unable to serve on such board and attend its meetings for not less than 90 days because of illness or prolonged absence from the district, may, after the board has by resolution declared such vacancy to exist, be filled by the board at any regular or special meeting thereof for the remainder of the unexpired term, or until such ill or absent member is

again able to resume his duties as a member of such board whichever date is earliest. When such ill or absent member is again able to resume his duties as a member of the board, the board shall by resolution so determine and declare such person to be again a member of the board, and the member appointed by the board in his place to be no longer a member thereof.

Subd. 4. Any other vacancy in a board shall be filled by the board at any regular or special meeting thereof. Such appointment shall be evidenced by a resolution entered in the minutes and shall continue until July 1 next following such appointment. All elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term.

Subd. 5. A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum. No contract shall be made or authorized, except at a regular meeting of the board or at a special meeting at which all members are present or of which all members have had notice. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or clerk or any three members upon notice mailed to each member at least three days prior thereto.

Subd. 6. The board shall make and when deemed advisable change or repeal rules relating to the organization and management of the board and the duties of its officers.

Subd. 7. The board shall superintend and manage the schools of the district; adopt, modify, or repeal rules for their organization, government, and instruction and for the keeping of registers; and prescribe textbooks and courses of study.

Subd. 8. The board may remove, for proper cause, any member or officer of the board and fill the vacancy; but such removal must be by a concurrent vote of at least four members, at a meeting of whose time, place, and object he has been duly notified, with the reasons for such proposed removal and after an opportunity to be heard in his own defense.

Subd. 9. The board of any district may become a member of the county school officers' association of the county and shall appoint one or more of its members to attend the annual meeting thereof. The amount of the annual membership dues in such association shall not exceed \$5, which amount shall be paid as other expenses of the district are paid.

Subd. 10. The school board of any school district of this state by a two-thirds vote may become a member of the Minnesota school boards association or the Minnesota association of public schools, or the metropolitan area school board association, and appoint one or more of its members to attend its annual meeting. The amount of annual membership dues in the association and actual and necessary expense incurred in attending such meeting shall be paid as other expenses of the district are paid. The school board of any school district of this state may maintain such membership and pay membership dues only in the event the associations file annual financial statements showing detailed expenditures and receipts with the commissioner of education no later than October 1 of each year. The statements to the commissioner shall be made on forms prescribed by him no later than July 15 of each year.

Subd. 11. The board shall cause its official proceedings to be published once in the official newspaper of the district. Such publication shall be made within 30 days of the meeting at which such proceedings occurred.

Subd. 12. The clerk, treasurer, and superintendent of any district shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the board. Unless otherwise provided by law, the other members of the board shall also receive such compensation as may be fixed by the board. All members of the board may receive reimbursement for transportation at the rate provided for in section 43.328.

The chairman, clerk, and treasurer of a district reclassified from a county district shall receive such additional compensation as may be fixed by the board of education.

In addition to their salaries, the members of boards in districts reclassified from county districts shall be paid their actual expense and necessary travel expenses incurred and paid by each of them in the conduct of their official duties, including the visitation of schools. Such expenses should be paid upon the presentation of duly itemized statements, approved by the board, and which shall be made a part of the official records of the board.

Subd. 13. The board shall defray the necessary expenses of the board members, including \$5 per day for attending one meeting of the school boards of the county

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in each year, when called by the county superintendent and seven and one-half cents per mile in going to and returning from the meeting.

Subd. 14. The school board of any school district of this state by a two-thirds vote may become a member of an association of vocational schools and may appoint one or more of its members to attend the annual meeting of such association. The amount of annual membership dues in the association and actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending such meeting shall be paid as other expenses of the district are paid. The school board of any school district of this state may maintain such membership and pay membership dues only in the event the association files annual financial statements showing detailed expenditures and receipts with the commissioner of education no later than October 1 of each year. The statements to the commissioner shall be made on forms prescribed by him no later than July 15 of each year.

Subd. 15. Any school district, or group of school districts, may become a member of, and pay dues to, any nonprofit corporation organized prior to the passage of Laws 1973, Chapter 263 under and pursuant to the provisions of the Minnesota nonprofit corporation act, whose purposes are to promote the improvement of teacher education through student teaching, internships, and research.

Subd. 16. Any action undertaken or moneys expended by a school district, group of school districts, or nonprofit corporation for the purposes and under the authority of subdivision 15, but prior to its enactment, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 15; 1965 c 434 s 1; 1967 c 176 s 2; 1967 c 713 s 1; 1973 c 263 s 1, 2; 1973 c 690 s 1; 1974 c 82 s 1, 2]

123.335 IMPREST CASH FUNDS. Subdivision 1. The board may establish one or more imprest funds for the payment in cash of any proper claim against the district which it is impractical to pay in any other manner, except that no claim for salary or personal expenses of a district officer or employee shall be paid from such funds. The board shall appoint a custodian of each such fund and he shall be responsible for its safekeeping and disbursement according to law. Money for the operation of such fund shall be secured by a transfer from the general fund. A claim itemizing all the various demands for which disbursements have been made from the fund shall be presented to the board at the next board meeting after the disbursements have been made. The board shall act upon it as in the case of other claims and an order shall be issued to the custodian for the amount allowed. The custodian shall use the proceeds of the order to replenish the fund; and if the board fails to approve the claim in full for any sufficient reason, he shall be personally responsible for the difference.

Subd. 2. The board may authorize an imprest fund for the purpose of advancing money to officers or employees to pay the actual and necessary expenses of such officer or employee in attending meetings outside of the district. The board shall appoint a custodian of such fund and he shall be responsible for its safekeeping and disbursement according to law. Attendance at such meetings shall be authorized in advance by the board. At the first regular meeting of the board after such meeting, the officer or employee shall submit an itemized claim for the actual and necessary expenses incurred and paid by him in attending such meeting. The board shall act upon it as in the case of other claims and an order shall be issued to the officer or employee for the amount allowed. The officer or employee shall use the proceeds of the order to repay the amount advanced from the fund; and if the amount approved by the board is insufficient to repay the advance, he shall be personally responsible for the difference.

[1969 c 631 s 1]

123.34 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.34 OFFICERS OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Subdivision 1. Within ten days after the election of the first board in independent districts and annually thereafter on the first Saturday in July, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the board shall meet and organize by selecting a chairman, clerk, and a treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors are selected and qualify. The persons who perform the duties of the clerk and treasurer need not be members of the board and the board by resolution may combine the duties of the offices of clerk and treasurer in a single person in the office of business affairs. They may appoint a superintendent who shall be ex officio a member

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of the board, but not entitled to vote therein. In districts in which board members are elected at the general election in November, the annual meeting of the board shall be held on the first Monday of January or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Subd. 2. The chairman when present shall preside at all meetings of the board, countersign all orders upon the treasurer for claims allowed by the board, represent the district in all actions and perform all the duties usually incumbent on such officer. In case of absence, inability, or refusal of the clerk to draw orders for the payment of money authorized by a vote of the majority of the board to be paid, the orders may be drawn by the chairman, and paid by the treasurer, a statement thereof, with a copy of such orders, being delivered to the clerk by the treasurer, or the office of the clerk may be declared vacant by the chairman and treasurer and filled by appointment.

Subd. 3. The treasurer shall deposit the funds of the district in the official depository.

Subd. 4. On July 1 of each year, the treasurer shall file with the clerk a report of his balances, receipts and disbursements by funds, for the year. Such report, together with his vouchers, shall be examined by the board and, if found correct, approved by resolution entered in the records. If incomplete or inaccurate, a further or amended report may be required by the board. He shall make such further reports as may from time to time be called for by the board and perform all duties usually incumbent on such officer.

Subd. 5. In the event that valid orders are presented to the treasurer for payment, and he has insufficient funds on hand to pay them, he shall receive, endorse and process them in accordance with section 124.06.

Subd. 6. Every district treasurer shall give a corporate surety bond to the state. The board to fix the specific amount of the bond in an amount sufficient to protect the interest of the district, and the bond to be approved by the board and conditioned for the faithful discharge of his official duties. The district shall pay the bond premium. The school board may, at any time by a majority vote, require the treasurer to give a new or an additional bond and, upon his failure to furnish same within a reasonable time after notice, the board shall declare the office of treasurer vacant. Any bond hereunder, before approval by the school board, shall be approved as to its form by the state auditor, county attorney, or an attorney designated by the school board. All such bonds shall be filed with the county auditor and the county auditor shall not deliver any warrants for tax settlements or state aids until such bond has been filed.

Subd. 7. When the duty devolves upon any person employed by a board to receive money and pay it over to the treasurer of the district, the district shall require a bond from such person and pay all premiums therefor. The amount of each bond shall be fixed by the board and the bond approved by it. The bond shall be not less than \$500 conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty and shall be filed with the clerk. In lieu of individual bonds, the district may prescribe and keep in effect a schedule or position insurance policy or blanket bond in such aggregate amount as the district determines, insuring the fidelity of such persons in the amount of not less than \$500 for each such person.

Subd. 8. The clerk shall keep books provided by the district for that purpose a record of all meetings of the district and the board. He shall, within three days after an election notify all persons elected of their election and, on or before July 10 in each year, make and transmit to the county superintendent a certified report, showing:

- (1) The condition and value of school property;
- (2) The receipts and disbursements in detail, and such other financial matter as may be called for by the commissioner;
- (3) The length of school term and the enrollment and attendance by grades;
- (4) The names and post-office addresses of all directors and other officers; and
- (5) Such other items of information as may be called for by the commissioner.

He shall enter in his record book copies of all his reports and of the teachers' term reports, as they appear in the registers, and of the proceedings of any meeting as furnished him by the clerk pro tem, and keep an itemized account of all the expenses of the district. He shall furnish to the auditor of the proper county, on or before October 10 of each year, an attested copy of his record, showing the amount of money voted by the district or the board for school purposes; draw

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and sign all orders upon the treasurer for the payment of money for bills allowed by the board for salaries of officers and for teachers' wages and all claims, to be countersigned by the chairman. Such orders shall state the consideration, payee, and the fund and the clerk shall take a receipt therefor. Teachers' wages shall have preference in the order in which they become due, and no money applicable for teachers' wages shall be used for any other purpose, nor shall teachers' wages be paid from any fund except that raised or apportioned for that purpose.

Subd. 9. All districts maintaining a classified secondary school shall employ a superintendent who shall be ex officio a member of the school board but not entitled to vote therein. The superintendent in such districts shall visit the schools of the district, and exercise a general supervision over them, and report their condition to the board, with proper recommendations, when he deems it advisable, or when requested by the board. He shall make recommendations to the board concerning the employment and dismissal of teachers. He shall superintend the grading of the schools and examinations for promotions and perform such other duties as the board shall prescribe. He shall make, either directly to the commissioner, or through the county superintendent, such reports as shall be required.

Subd. 10. Each school building or unit of classification as designated by section 120.05, subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2) and (3), in an independent or consolidated school district shall be under the supervision of a principal who is assigned to that responsibility by the board of education in that school district upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools of that school district.

Each principal assigned the responsibility for the supervision of a school building or units of classification shall hold valid certification in his assigned position of supervision and administration as established by the regulations of the state board of education.

The principal shall provide administrative, supervisory and instructional leadership services, under the supervision of the superintendent of schools of the school district and in accordance with the policies, rules and regulations of the board of education, for the planning, management, operation and evaluation of the education program of the building or buildings to which he is assigned.

[*Ex 1959 c 71 art 4 s 16; 1969 c 9 s 27; 1971 c 144 s 1; 1973 c 492 s 7; 1974 c 37 s 1*]

123.35 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.35 GENERAL POWERS OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Subdivision 1. The board shall have the general charge of the business of the district, the school houses, and of the interests of the schools thereof.

Subd. 2. It shall be the duty and the function of the district to furnish school facilities to every child of school age residing in any part of the district. The board may establish and organize and alter and discontinue such grades or schools as it may deem advisable and assign to each school and grade a proper number of pupils. The board shall provide free textbooks for the pupils of the district.

Subd. 3. The voters of a district may authorize the issuance of bonds of the district in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

Subd. 4. The board shall provide by levy of tax necessary funds for the conduct of schools, the payment of indebtedness, and all proper expenses of the district.

Subd. 5. The board shall employ and contract with necessary qualified teachers and discharge the same for cause, but no substitute teacher shall be hired except to replace a regular teacher on leave of absence or in an emergency of less than one school year's duration.

Subd. 6. The board may employ and discharge necessary employees and may contract for other services.

Subd. 7. The board may provide library facilities as part of its school equipment according to the standards of the state board of education.

Subd. 8. The board may establish and maintain public evening schools and adult and continuing education programs and such evening schools and adult and continuing education programs when so maintained shall be available to all persons over 16 years of age who, from any cause, are unable to attend the full-time elementary or secondary schools of such district.

Subd. 9. The board may establish and maintain one or more kindergartens for the instruction of children and after July 1, 1974, shall provide kindergarten instruc-

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tion for all eligible children, either in the district or in another district. All children to be eligible for kindergarten must be at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year commences. In addition all children selected under an early admissions policy established by the school board may be admitted. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a school district from establishing head start, pre-kindergarten, or nursery school classes for children below kindergarten age. Any school board with evidence that providing kindergarten will cause an extraordinary hardship on the school district may apply to the commissioner of education for an exception.

Subd. 10. The board shall furnish free textbooks to all pupils.

Subd. 11. The board may furnish school lunches for pupils and teachers on such terms as it determines.

Subd. 12. At the request of an employee and as part of his compensation arrangement, the board may purchase an individual annuity contract for an employee for retirement or other purposes and may make payroll allocations in accordance with such arrangement for the purpose of paying the entire premium due and to become due under such contract. The allocation shall be made in a manner which will qualify the annuity premiums (or a portion thereof) for the benefit afforded under section 403(b) of the current Federal Internal Revenue Code or any equivalent provision of subsequent federal income tax law. The employee shall own such contract and his rights thereunder shall be nonforfeitable except for failure to pay premiums. Section 125.12 shall not be applicable hereto and the board shall have no liability thereunder because of its purchase of any individual annuity contracts. This statute shall be applied in a nondiscriminatory manner to employees of the school district.

Subd. 13. The board may by agreements with teacher preparing institutions arrange for classroom experience in the district for practice or student teachers who have completed not less than two years of an approved teacher education program. Such practice teachers shall be provided with appropriate supervision by a fully qualified teacher under rules promulgated by the board and shall be deemed employees of the school district in which they are rendering services for purposes of workmen's compensation; liability insurance, if provided for other district employees in accordance with section 123.41; and legal counsel in accordance with the provisions of section 127.03.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 17; 1961 c 225 s 1; 1967 c 173 s 2; 1969 c 21 s 1; 1969 c 104 s 1; 1973 c 491 s 1]

123.351 COOPERATIVE CENTERS FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** Two or more independent school districts may enter into an agreement to establish a cooperative center to provide for vocational education and other educational services upon the vote of a majority of the full membership of each of the boards of the districts entering into the agreement. When a resolution approving this action has been adopted by the board of a district, the resolution shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district. If a petition for referendum on the question of the district entering into the agreement, containing signatures of qualified voters of the district equal to five percent of the number of voters at the last annual school election, is filed with the clerk of the board within 60 days after publication of the resolution, the board shall not enter into the agreement until the question has been submitted to the voters of the district at a special election. This election shall be conducted and canvassed in accordance with section 123.32. If a majority of the total number of votes cast on the question within the district is in favor of the proposition, the board may thereupon enter into an agreement to establish the center for purposes herein described.

Subd. 2. **Name.** A public corporation so created shall be known as (insert name) cooperative center no. and shall have an identification number assigned pursuant to section 122.03.

Subd. 3. **Governing board.** (a) The center shall be operated by a center board of not less than five members which shall consist of members from school boards of each of the participating school districts within the center, appointed by their respective school boards. Each participating school district shall have at least one member on the board. The board shall choose an administrative officer to administer board policy and directives who shall serve as an ex officio member of the board but shall not have a vote.

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(b) The terms of office of the first members of the board shall be determined by lot as follows: one-third of the members for one year, one-third for two years, and the remainder for three years, all terms to expire on June 30 of the appropriate year; provided that if the number of members is not evenly divisible by three, the membership will be as evenly distributed as possible among one, two and three year terms with the remaining members serving the three year term. Thereafter the terms shall be for three years commencing on July 1 of each year. If a vacancy occurs on the center board, it shall be filled by the appropriate school board within 90 days. A person appointed to the center board shall qualify as a board member by filing with the chairman a written certificate of appointment from his school board.

(c) The first meeting of a center board shall be at a time mutually agreed upon by board members. At this meeting, the center board shall choose its officers and conduct any other necessary organizational business. Thereafter the center board shall meet on the first of July of each year or as soon thereafter as practicable pursuant to notice sent to all center board members by the chief executive officer of the center.

(d) The officers of the center board shall be a chairman, vice chairman, clerk and treasurer, no two of whom when possible shall be from the same school district. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the center board except in his absence the vice chairman shall preside. The clerk shall keep a complete record of the minutes of each meeting and the treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the center. Insofar as applicable, sections 123.33 and 123.34, shall apply to the board and officers of the center.

(e) Each participating school district shall have equal voting power with at least one vote. A majority of the center board shall be a quorum. Any motion other than adjournment shall pass only upon receiving a majority of the votes of the entire center board.

Subd. 4. Powers and duties. (a) The center board shall have the general charge of the business of the center and the ownership of facilities. Where applicable, section 123.36, shall apply. The center board may not issue bonds in its behalf. Each participating district may issue its bonds for the purpose of acquisition and betterment of center facilities in the amount certified by the center board to such participating district in accordance with chapter 475.

(b) The center board (1) may furnish vocational offerings to any eligible person residing in any participating district and (2) may provide special education for the handicapped and disadvantaged.

(c) In accordance with subdivision 5, clause (b), the center board shall certify to each participating district the amount of funds assessed to the district as its proportionate share required for the conduct of the educational programs, payment of indebtedness, and all other proper expenses of the center.

(d) The center board shall employ and contract with necessary qualified teachers and administrators and may discharge the same for cause pursuant to section 125.12. The board may employ and discharge other necessary employees and may contract for other services deemed necessary.

(e) The center board may provide an educational program for high school and adult vocational phases of instruction. The high school phase of its educational program shall be offered as a component of the comprehensive curriculum offered by each of the participating school districts. Graduation shall be from the student's resident high school district. Insofar as applicable, sections 123.35 to 123.40, shall apply.

(f) The center board may prescribe rates of tuition for attendance in its programs by adults and nonmember district secondary students.

Subd. 5. Financing. (a) Any center board established pursuant to this section is a public corporation and agency and may receive and disburse federal, state, and local funds made available to it. No participating school district shall have any additional individual liability for the debts or obligations of the center except that assessment which has been certified as its proportionate share in accordance with subdivision 5, clause (b) and subdivision 4, clauses (a) and (c). A member of the center board shall have such liability as is applicable to a member of an independent school district board. Any property, real or personal, acquired or owned by the center board for its purposes shall be exempt from taxation by the state or any of its political subdivisions.

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(b) The center board may, in each year, for the purpose of paying any administrative, planning, operating, or capital expenses incurred or to be incurred, assess and certify to each participating school district its proportionate share of any and all expenses. This share shall be based upon an equitable distribution formula agreed upon by the participating districts and approved by the state commissioner of education with approval by the state board of vocational education. Each participating district shall remit its assessment to the center board within 30 days after receipt. The assessments shall be paid within the maximum levy limitations of each participating district.

Subd. 6. State board approval. Prior to the commencement of the operation of any center the agreement entered into by participating districts shall be approved by the state board of education.

Subd. 7. Laws governing independent school districts applicable. As of the effective date of the creation of any center as contained in the agreement establishing the center, the organization, operation, maintenance, and conduct of the affairs of the center shall be governed by the general laws relating to independent school districts of the state unless provided otherwise herein or by statute passed hereafter.

Subd. 8. Addition and withdrawal of districts. Upon approval by majority vote of a school board, of the center board, and of the state board of education, an adjoining school district may become a member in the center and be governed by the provisions of this section and the agreement in effect.

Any participating district may withdraw from the center and from the agreement in effect by a majority vote of the full board membership of the participating school district desiring withdrawal and upon compliance with provisions in the agreement establishing the center. Upon receipt of the withdrawal resolution reciting the necessary facts, the center board shall file a certified copy with the county auditors of the counties affected. The withdrawal shall become effective at the end of the next following school year but the withdrawal shall not affect the continued liability of the withdrawing district for bonded indebtedness it incurred prior to the effective withdrawal date.

Subd. 9. Existing centers. Centers operating pursuant to section 471.59 which have been approved by the state board of education prior to August 1, 1974, shall be subject to its provisions except subdivision 1. Any changes in center agreements necessary to comply with this section shall be completed within twelve months after August 1, 1974, and filed with the state board by the administrator of each center. Centers operating pursuant to Laws 1967, Chapter 822, as amended, Laws 1969, Chapter 775, as amended, and Laws 1969, Chapter 1060, as amended shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

[1974 c 252 s 1]

123.36 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.36 SCHOOLHOUSES AND SITES, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Subdivision 1. When funds are available therefor, the board may locate and acquire necessary sites of school houses or enlargements, or additions to existing schoolhouse sites by lease, purchase or condemnation under the right of eminent domain; it may erect schoolhouses thereon; it may erect or purchase garages for district owned school buses. In any city, the school sites, when practicable, shall contain at least one block and if outside of any city, two acres; and when any schoolhouse sites shall contain less than such amount, the board may acquire other land adjacent to or near such site to make, with such site, all or part of such amount. When property is taken by eminent domain by authority of this subdivision when needed by the school district for such purposes, the fact that the property so needed has been acquired by the owner under the power of eminent domain or is already devoted to public use, shall not prevent its acquisition by the school district. The board may sell or exchange schoolhouses or sites, and execute deeds of conveyance thereof.

Subd. 2. The board shall purchase, sell, and exchange school apparatus, furniture, stoves, buses, and other equipment as may be deemed necessary by the board for school purposes.

Subd. 3. The board may make rules and regulations respecting the protection of the property of the district.

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Subd. 4. The board shall provide proper sanitary facilities for the schools, plant shade trees and shrubbery and otherwise improve school sites, procure insurance on school property, and make proper ordinary repairs thereon.

Subd. 5. The board may authorize the use of any schoolhouses in the district for divine worship, Sunday schools, public meetings, elections, and such other community purposes as, in its judgment, will not interfere with their use for school purposes; but before permitting such use, the board may require a cash or corporate surety bond in a reasonable amount conditioned for the proper use of such schoolhouse, the payment of all rent and the repair of all damage occasioned by such use, and it may charge and collect for the use of the district from the persons using such schoolhouse such reasonable compensation as it may fix.

It may authorize the use of any schoolhouses or buildings in and of the district for the holding of primaries, elections, registrations, and all action in connection therewith in such manner as in its judgment, will not interfere with their use for school purposes. It may impose such reasonable regulations and conditions upon such use as may seem meet and proper.

Subd. 6. The board may build or assist in building sidewalks for the use of pupils and the general public connecting with sidewalks in municipalities and leading to the schoolhouse. The governing body of any municipality may likewise appropriate money for the same purpose or to assist the district.

Subd. 7. When necessary, the board shall lease rooms for school purposes.

Subd. 8. The board shall provide for the heating and care of schoolhouses and rooms and may provide for the heating and care of garages which house school buses.

Subd. 9. The board may contract for the furnishing of heat for its building for such terms as it may deem for the best interest of the district, not exceeding ten years. Where it is necessary to lay mains or pipes to connect these buildings with a heating system, the district is authorized to advance all, or any part of the cost thereof upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 18; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7]

123.37 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.37 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CONTRACTS. Subdivision 1. No contract for work or labor, or for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or other property, except books registered under the copyright laws, or for the construction or repair of school houses, the estimated cost or value of which shall exceed: (a) \$3,000 for school districts with an enrollment of students in grades 1 to 12 of less than 10,000 or (b) \$5,000 for all other school districts, shall be made by the school board without first advertising for bids or proposals by two weeks' published notice in the official newspaper. Such notice shall state the time and place of receiving bids and contain a brief description of the subject matter.

Such additional publication in the official newspaper or elsewhere may be made as the board shall deem necessary.

After taking into consideration conformity with the specifications, terms of delivery, and other conditions imposed in the call for bids, every such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, duly executed in writing, and the person to whom the same is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance, and otherwise conditioned as required by law. A record shall be kept of all bids, with names of bidders and amount of bids, and with the successful bid indicated thereon. A bid containing an alteration or erasure of any price contained in the bid which is used in determining the lowest responsible bid shall be rejected unless the alteration or erasure is corrected as herein provided. An alteration or erasure may be crossed out and the correction thereof printed in ink or typewritten adjacent thereto and initialed in ink by the person signing the bid. In the case of identical low bids from two or more bidders, the board may, at its discretion, utilize negotiated procurement methods with the tied low bidders for that particular transaction, so long as the price paid does not exceed the low tied bid price. In the case where only a single bid is received, the board may, at its discretion, negotiate a mutually agreeable contract with the bidder so long as the price paid does not exceed the original bid. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise. Standard requirement price contracts established for supplies or services to be purchased by the district shall be established by competitive bids. Such standard requirement

price contracts may contain escalation clauses and may provide for a negotiated price increase or decrease based upon a demonstrable industrywide or regional increase or decrease in the vendor's costs. Either party to the contract may request that the other party demonstrate such increase or decrease. The term of such contracts shall not exceed two years with an option on the part of the district to renew for an additional two years. Provided that in the case of purchase of perishable food items except milk for school lunches and vocational training programs a contract of any amount may be made by direct negotiation by obtaining two or more written quotations for the purchase or sale, when possible, without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of this section or section 471.345, subdivision 3. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof.

Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be void. Provided, that in case of the destruction of buildings or injury thereto, where the public interest would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids.

Firm bid contracts for the purchase of milk and ice cream renegotiated between August 25, 1973 and July 1, 1974 which provide for a price increase or decrease based upon a demonstrable industrywide or regional increase in the vendor's costs are valid and not void under this subdivision; provided that the adjustment shall not exceed the increase or decrease authorized in the applicable federal marketing order for raw milk; and provided further that a school district which did not renegotiate its contract before February 1, 1974, shall not adjust its contract to provide for price increases or decreases for purchases made before February 1, 1974.

NOTE: See section 471.345.

Subd. 1a. The board may authorize its superintendent or business manager to lease, purchase, and contract for goods and services within the budget as approved by the board, provided that any transaction in an amount exceeding the minimum amount for which bids are required must first be specifically authorized by the board and must fulfill all other applicable requirements in subdivision 1.

Subd. 1b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, a contract for the transportation of school children may be made either by direct negotiation by obtaining two or more written quotations for the service, when possible, or upon sealed bids. At least 30 days before awarding a directly negotiated contract, the school district shall, by published notice, request quotations for the service to be provided. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof. If a contract is made by direct negotiation, negotiations shall be carried on at a meeting of the school board open to the public. If a contract is made upon sealed bids, the procedure for advertising and awarding bids shall conform to the provisions of subdivision 1.

Subd. 2. Members of the board are authorized to contract with, to work for, and furnish supplies to the district subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.87.

Subd. 3. Any contract made by the board for the rental of rooms for school purposes, or for the free transportation of pupils to and from school, or for the rental of any facility or facilities owned or operated by or under the direction of any private organization, shall be effective until disapproved by the commissioner, and all such contracts shall be submitted to him for approval immediately after being signed by the parties.

Subd. 4. The commissioner shall approve each such contract unless it appears from the information available to him that:

(a) The amount to be paid by the district concerned for the rooms or facilities rented or for the transportation to be furnished, under such contract substantially exceeds the reasonable value thereof; or

(b) The rooms or facilities to be furnished are not reasonably required for or suitable to the operation of the schools of the district, or the transportation contracted for is not suitable to the requirements of the district; or the contract does not provide adequately against any encroachment on or interference with the conduct of a public school; or

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(c) The contract does not conform to law or a duly promulgated regulation of general application of the state board of education.

Subd. 5. If the commissioner determines that one or more of such circumstances (a), (b), and (c) exists, he shall notify the district board, giving it a reasonable stated time in which to meet the objections specified in the notice. If the contract is not so changed within that time, it shall be disapproved by the commissioner. If the contract is approved the commissioner shall so notify the district board. The commissioner's action together with a statement as to whether or not a petition to review such action has been filed as hereinafter provided, shall appear in the proceedings of the next meeting of the district board, held after receipt of notice from the commissioner, and the proceedings shall briefly identify the contract approved or disapproved.

Subd. 6. The determination of the commissioner disapproving a contract shall be subject to the review of the state board of education, on the petition of the district board, made pursuant to its resolution.

Subd. 7. The determination of the commissioner approving a contract shall be subject to the review of the state board of education, on the petition of voters of such school district equal in number of five percent of those who voted at the last annual election or annual meeting of the district, except that there shall be at least five petitioners and that no more than 25 petitioners shall be required. Such petition must be filed in duplicate with the commissioner on or before the tenth day after the publication of the proceedings of the meeting of the district board which show the determination of the commissioner, the review of which is asked, or the thirtieth day after such determination, whichever date is earlier.

Subd. 8. Such petition shall:

(a) Identify the determination of the commissioner sought to be reviewed and the contract in question by the names of the parties to it, and

(b) Allege the grounds upon which the determination of the commissioner is claimed to have been erroneous, but such allegation may be on information and belief of the petitioners, and

(c) State the names, post office addresses, and voting residences of the petitioners, and

(d) State the person or persons, not more than three, and their respective post office addresses, who are authorized to receive for all of the petitioners any notices with respect to the review or any subsequent proceeding. A person, not a resident of the district, may be so named.

Subd. 9. Upon the filing of a proper petition, the commissioner shall set a time and place for hearing thereof, which shall not be less than ten nor more than 30 days after such filing. He shall cause notice of such hearing to be given by mail to the parties to the contract affected and to the person or persons named in the petition as authorized to receive notice, and in addition shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper qualified to publish proceedings of the district board concerned.

Subd. 10. The state board shall adopt rules governing the proceedings for review not inconsistent with the requirements hereof. Such rules shall be designed to give a full and fair hearing and to permit interested parties an opportunity to produce evidence relating to the issues involved. Such rules may provide that any question of fact to be determined upon such review may be referred to one or more members of the board or to an employee of the state board of education acting as a referee to hear evidence and report to the state board the testimony taken.

Subd. 11. The state board, or the parties to the proceedings, or any person designated to receive evidence upon a review shall have the same right to issue and procure subpoenas and administer oaths as are granted in proceedings before the department of labor and industry. There shall be a stenographic record made of all testimony given and other proceedings during such hearing, and as far as practicable, rules governing reception of evidence in courts shall obtain.

Subd. 12. The decision of the state board shall be in writing and the controlling facts found upon which the decision is made shall be stated in sufficient detail to appraise the parties and the reviewing court of the basis and reason of the decision. If it is the decision of the state board that none of the grounds of disapproval specified herein exist, the contract in question shall be approved; if it

is the decision of the state board that one or more of those grounds exist, the contract shall be disapproved.

Subd. 13. The decision of the state board may be reviewed on certiorari by the district court of the county in which the school district or any part thereof is located, and the reasonableness of the state board's decision under all the circumstances of the case shown by the record will be judicial question of fact.

Subd. 14. The fact of approval or disapproval of a contract shall not be evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding growing out of the making or performance of the contract or related to the official conduct of the members of the district board. Proceedings or failure to proceed shall not preclude any civil or criminal act otherwise proper. Necessary costs and disbursements, exclusive of those incurred in the administrative proceedings, on review by certiorari shall be taxed against the losing party and in the event taxed against the state shall be paid from the appropriations made to the state department of education for the payment of special state aids.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 19; *Ex*1967 c 1 s 6; 1969 c 107 s 1; 1974 c 521 s 13-15]

123.38 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.38 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS; INSURANCE. Subdivision 1. Whenever it shall appear to be beneficial and for the best interest of the district and the pupils of the district to carry on any school sport activities or educational activities connected with their studies outside of the territorial limits of the school district, the board may authorize such activities to be conducted under such rules and regulations as the board deems sufficient. The district may pay all necessary costs therefor including transportation from the school funds available.

Subd. 2. The board may, and, upon vote of the district shall take charge of and control all school and quasi school activities of the teachers and children of the public schools in that district held in the school building or school grounds or under the supervision or direction of the school board and to that end adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of athletic, oratorical, musical, dramatic, and other contests and entertainments in which the schools of the district or any class or pupils therein may participate. All money received on account of such entertainments and contests shall be turned over to the school district treasurer, who shall keep the same in a separate fund to be known as the school auxiliary fund, to be disbursed for expenses connected with such entertainments or contests, or otherwise, by the board upon properly allowed itemized claims. Where the district has taken charge and control of such funds, the treasurer and his bonding company and depositories shall be subject to the same liability for such funds as for other school funds as provided by law and such funds shall be considered public funds for the purposes of examination and auditing. Any donations to the school district for specific objects and purposes and other than for the primary purposes of the district, shall be placed in the fund hereinbefore referred to and in like manner disbursed; the request of the donor thereof being complied with in regard to the purpose of such disbursements, if the board shall consider that the interest of the district will be promoted thereby.

No such school or quasi school entertainment or contest in any district in which the school board shall act under the provision of this subdivision shall be participated in by the teachers of pupils in the public schools of such district, nor shall the school name or any allied name be used in connection therewith, except by consent and direction of the board.

Subd. 3. The board may enter into a contract providing for the payment of cash benefits or the rendering or payment of hospital and medical benefits, or both to school children injured while participating in the athletic or supervised physical activities of the school, such contract to make the payment of such benefits or the rendering thereof the direct and sole obligation of the association or company entering into such contract with the district.

If the board deems it advisable, it may authorize employees to collect fees from the pupils enrolled in said school who are to be or are covered by such contract, and to make payment of the premium or other charge for such contract or protection. The payment of such premium or other charge may be made from funds received from the federal government or from the state or any govern-

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mental subdivision thereof, or from funds derived by a tax levy or the issuance of bonds.

The payment of any fees, premium or other charge by such child shall not thereby make the district liable for any injuries incurred from such athletic or supervised physical school activities.

Subd. 4. The insurance laws of this state shall not apply to non-profit benefit and relief associations formed by public schools or officers of public schools or the Minnesota state high school league, the privileges of which and applications for membership in which are confined to pupils of the schools, and the benefits and relief to be derived therefrom are limited to pupils injured or disabled from participation in school athletics or any supervised school activity.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 20; 1971 c 254 s 1]

123.39 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.39 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TRANSPORTATION. Subdivision 1. The board may provide for the free transportation of pupils to and from school, and to schools, in other districts for grades and departments not maintained in the district, including high school, at the expense of the district, when funds are available therefor and if agreeable to the district to which it is proposed to transport the pupils, for the whole or a part of the school year as it may deem advisable, and subject to its rules. Every driver shall possess all the qualifications required by the rules of the state board of education. In any special or independent district, the board shall arrange for the attendance of all pupils living two miles or more from the school, through suitable provision for transportation or for the boarding and rooming of such pupils as may be more economically and conveniently provided for by such means. The district is authorized to provide for the transportation of pupils or expend a reasonable amount for room and board of pupils whose attendance at school can more economically and conveniently be provided for by such means or who attend school in a building rented or leased by a district within the confines of an adjacent district.

Subd. 2. The board may contract for the furnishing of authorized transportation under rules established by the commissioner of education, and may purchase gasoline and furnish same to a contract carrier for use in the performance of a contract with the school district for transportation of school children to and from school.

Subd. 3. The board may purchase buses on the installment plan, the installments to be all paid within a period of not to exceed three years from the date of purchase and the deferred payments to bear a rate of interest of not to exceed six percent per annum.

Subd. 4. The board may provide for the instruction of any resident pupil in another district when inadequate room, distance to school, unfavorable road conditions, or other facts or conditions make attendance in his own district unreasonably difficult or impractical, in which case such district shall pay to the district so attended the tuition agreed upon or charged, and may provide transportation; provided, that such pupil shall continue to be a pupil of the district of his residence for the payment of apportionment and other state aids.

Subd. 5. The board may provide for the admission to the schools of the district, of non-resident pupils, and those above school age, and fix the rates of tuition for such pupils. In case a person owns land and pays the taxes thereon, in a district other than the one in which he resides, then such person or his tenant shall be admitted to all the benefits of said school the same as residents therein, in respect to elementary pupils upon conforming to such reasonable terms for tuition and transportation as the board of education of such school district may have established for non-residents, except that he shall be entitled to have the amount of school taxes which he pays to the support of said district applied in payment of said tuition and transportation fees. In the payment of state aid, the district in which the pupil attends shall be considered the district of his residence because of the provisions of this subdivision.

Subd. 6. The board may transport pupils residing outside of the district but attending school therein upon pupils presenting themselves within the district on one of the regular routes traveled in the transportation of the pupils of the district.

Subd. 7. If high school pupils from a district within this state are being trans-

ported to a school in another state, the board of the district from which the pupils are being transported may provide free transportation and tuition for any or all of its elementary pupils to such school in another state and be entitled to state aid as provided by law.

Subd. 8. The board may rent to any person, for any lawful purpose, any bus owned by the school district. The use and operation of such bus by such person shall not interfere with the use and operation of such bus by the district for the transportation of children to and from school. Any such lessee so leasing or renting buses may use and operate the same as provided in this section without the payment of a motor vehicle tax thereon as provided by law. Any such lessee shall be liable for any and all claims for injuries and damages arising out of the use and operation of any bus so leased or rented; and the leasing or renting of any such bus shall be conditioned upon said lessee or renter procuring, at his own expense, insurance protecting said board and said district against any and all claims for injuries and damages arising out of the use and operation of said bus.

Subd. 9. The board may provide for the protection of school children in the district being transported for all school purposes or activities in district owned, operated, leased, or controlled motor vehicles against injuries or damages arising out of the operation thereof. If the board deems it advisable, insurance may be procured and paid for from any funds available. Any insurance contract covering such risk shall contain as a condition precedent, a clause or provision expressly waiving the defense, by the insurer, that the district is engaged in a governmental function. The payment of any insurance premiums by such district shall not hereby make the district liable for any injuries or damages incurred by such transportation.

Subd. 10. The board may provide and pay the premiums for the protection for school children, instructors and automobile owners, and any other agency cooperating in providing cars for districts where driver training courses are being offered, against public liability, property damage, collision, fire and theft, arising out of the operation of any vehicle used in the courses. Nothing herein shall make the district liable for injuries resulting from the actions of such persons.

Subd. 11. The board may provide and pay the premiums for insurance against injuries resulting to its pupils while assigned to and acting on a school safety patrol, which insurance may provide for the payment of either cash benefits to such injured pupil or for the payment of hospital and medical benefits to or for such injured pupil, or both. Nothing herein shall be construed to in any way make the district liable for such injuries.

Subd. 12. The board may enter into contracts for the removal of snow from roads used for regular bus routes transporting pupils to and from school either within or without the district.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 21 subd 1-12; 1963 c 663 s 2; 1973 c 560 s 1; 1974 c 44 s 1; 1974 c 521 s 16]

NOTE: School buses, regulations, see section 169.45.

123.40 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.40 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SPECIFIC POWERS AND DUTIES. Subdivision 1. The board shall provide for the payment of all just claims against the district in cases provided by law.

Subd. 2. In all proper cases, the board shall prosecute and defend actions by or against the district.

Subd. 3. The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.

Subd. 4. The board may employ qualified accountants for the purpose of auditing, examining and reporting upon the books and records of the district.

Subd. 5. The district may destroy the following records:

(1) Claims and vouchers paid by the district more than ten years prior to such destruction;

(2) Receipts, miscellaneous papers, and correspondence bearing dates more than ten years prior to destruction;

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(3) Order and checks paid more than ten years prior to destruction.

The officer having custody of said records shall obtain written approval of the governing body of the district. The approval shall be in the form of a resolution listing the classes of records authorized to be destroyed and the range of dates in each class. A copy of the resolution consenting to the destruction of such records shall be sent to the state archives commission. If no petition or application requesting the records from the archives commission is received by said school district within 30 days after mailing of the resolution, the records shall be destroyed by the officer having custody.

This subdivision is supplementary to other statutory or charter authority to destroy obsolete district records and does not prevent destruction of such records at an earlier time or the destruction of other records when authorized by other statutory or charter provision.

Subd. 6. The board of any district which prior to the adoption of this code was classified as a ten or more township district, a county district, or a consolidated district, or any district which possessed the powers of a consolidated district or any district which contains at least 18 sections of land and any county board of education for unorganized territory, may acquire by lease, purchase or condemnation a site and erect thereon necessary and suitable buildings or rent existing buildings as and for dwellings for its teachers and employees. The board in such district may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any property so acquired.

Subd. 7. In a district which has been converted from a special district to an independent district and which is located wholly or partly in a city of the first class, the board by a two-thirds vote, may issue and sell in each calendar year bonds of such district in an amount not to exceed one-half of one percent of the assessed value of the taxable property in such district. The proceeds of the sale of such bonds shall be used only for acquisition, construction, and betterment purposes. The provisions of this section shall apply to the issuance and sale of such bonds and to the purposes for which the same may be issued notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any other existing law or city charter relating thereto.

Subd. 8. The board may authorize a representative to move unauthorized vehicles parked on school district property, or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same off school district property.

When such representative finds such a vehicle unattended upon school district premises, such representative is hereby authorized to provide for the removal of such vehicle and remove the same to the nearest convenient garage or other place of safety off of school district property. Such vehicle shall be moved at the expense of the owner or operator.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 22; 1961 c 562 s 13; 1967 c 704 s 1*]

123.41 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.41 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, LIABILITY INSURANCE, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. The governing body of any independent school district may procure insurance against liability of the school district or of its officers and employees for damages resulting from wrongful acts and omissions of the school district and its officers and employees, whether the acts or omissions relate to governmental or proprietary functions of the school district. Insofar as this insurance relates to governmental functions of the school district, the policy of insurance shall contain a provision under which the insurance company agrees to waive the defense of governmental immunity up to the limits of the policy unless the school district consents to the assertion of that defense.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 23*]

123.42 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.42 LIMITATION OF SECTIONS. Material contained in sections 123.31 through 123.41, unless expressly stated otherwise, relates only to independent school districts.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 24*]

123.43-123.50 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

123.51 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.51 **SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, LAWS APPLICABLE.** Special dis-

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tricts as now organized shall continue to operate under the special legislation and charter provisions governing them until conversion to independent districts. The provisions of Laws 1957, Chapter 947, relating to independent districts shall apply to and govern each special district unless the special laws and charter provisions governing the special district provide for the matter, in which case the special laws and charter provisions relating to the special district shall apply and control.

[*Ex*1959 c 71 art 4 s 25]

123.52-123.55 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY

123.56 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

123.56 UNORGANIZED TERRITORY; COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DUTIES, POWERS. Subdivision 1. The power of providing for the education of children of school age residing in any unorganized territory within the state shall be vested in the county board of education for unorganized territory of the county where such unorganized territory is situated.

Subd. 2. The chairman of the board of county commissioners, the county superintendent, and the county treasurer, shall ex officio, compose the county board of education for unorganized territory in each county. The chairman of the county board shall be the chairman of the county board of education for unorganized territory; the county treasurer shall be the treasurer of this board; and the county superintendent shall be the clerk of this board of education.

In any county now or hereafter having more than 15,000 inhabitants and an area of more than 3,000 square miles, the county board of said county shall elect one of its members for a term to be determined by said county board who shall serve in place of the chairman and said member elected by said county board shall be the chairman of the county board of education for unorganized territory of said county, but not extending beyond his term as county commissioner.

Subd. 3. The county attorney shall act as counsel for the board of education for unorganized territory.

Subd. 4. Should a vacancy occur in this board of education or should any member thereof refuse or be incapacitated to serve upon this board, the county board shall fill such vacancy as provided in section 375.08.

Subd. 5. The county board of education for unorganized territory shall meet once each month at the county seat, at a time to be fixed by the board, for the purpose of transacting the business of the board. The board may also hold special meetings as may be deemed necessary.

Subd. 6. It shall be the duty of the county board of education for unorganized territory to furnish school facilities to every child of school age residing in any part of the unorganized territory, either by building school houses, leasing school rooms, transporting the children to the nearest school, boarding the children within convenient distance from a school at the expense of the board, or otherwise, and to provide necessary supplies and text and library books.

The county board of education for unorganized territory may also employ such clerical, stenographic, and supervisory help as may be needed who shall perform such other services as the board may direct.

Subd. 7. The clerk of the board shall perform the same duties and make the same reports as the clerk of an independent district.

Annually, on the first Friday after the first Monday in July, the clerk of such board shall make a full and accurate statement of the receipts and disbursements of such board for the preceding school year which shall contain a full and correct description of each item, from whom and on what account received, to whom paid and on what account expended, together with an accurate statement of the finances of the county board of education at the end of such year, including all debts and liabilities and the assets to discharge the same and, within 30 days thereafter, the county board of education for unorganized territory shall cause the same to be published once in a legal newspaper published in the county, which paper, in counties having over 100,000 population, shall be a daily paper.

Subd. 8. The treasurer of the board shall perform the same duties and make the same reports as the treasurer of an independent district.

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Subd. 9. For their services performed for the unorganized territory, the chairman of the board of education shall be paid one-half of one percent of the cash disbursements for the year but not to exceed \$300 in any one year and expenses including mileage in accordance with the provisions of section 43.328, for distance actually traveled by him in performance of his duties not exceeding the total sum of \$400 in any one year from such mileage and expenses; the treasurer of the board shall be paid two percent, and the clerk two percent, of the cash disbursements for the year, but the compensation to be paid to the treasurer and clerk in counties having less than 55 schools in its unorganized territory shall not exceed in any one year the total sum of \$1,200 for treasurer and \$1,500 for clerk, but only after all reports required by law have been made in conformity thereto. This section shall not apply to counties having a population of more than 200,000.

Subd. 10. The board of education for unorganized territory shall, annually, on the third Saturday of July, make a levy on all property situated in unorganized territory of the county for authorized school purposes. This tax levy shall be known as the special unorganized school levy and it shall be so spread on the tax lists by the county auditor.

Subd. 11. When not otherwise provided, the powers and duties of the county board of education for unorganized territory shall be the same as those of school boards of independent districts.

Subd. 12. The county board of education for unorganized territory is authorized to acquire sites by lease, purchase or condemnation and to erect thereon necessary buildings as dwellings for its teachers and employees. It is authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of any property so acquired.

Subd. 13. The county board of education for unorganized territory in any county in the state is hereby authorized and fully empowered by unanimous vote of such board to issue and sell bonds of such unorganized territory for the purpose of providing school sites, school buildings and teacherages, for paying any judgment lawfully rendered against it, or for refunding outstanding bonds, or floating indebtedness, in such amounts and at such periods as the board may decide; the bonds to be payable in such amounts and at such times, not exceeding 20 years, as the board may determine, with interest thereon not to exceed six percent per annum, which bonds shall be signed by the chairman and the treasurer of the board and countersigned by the clerk thereof. Any bonds issued hereunder shall be sold conformable to the provisions of section 475.60.

Subd. 14. In any county of this state now or hereafter having unorganized territory with an assessed valuation of all taxable real and personal property of more than \$1,500,000 and having at any time an area of more than 3,500 square miles, the board of education of such unorganized territory shall have authority, and is hereby empowered, by the unanimous vote of such board, to issue and sell the bonds of such unorganized territory, as above provided. The net bonded indebtedness of such unorganized territory shall at no time exceed 85 percent of its assessed valuation.

Subd. 15. The sale of these bonds shall be conformable to the provisions of section 475.60, or by contracting with the United States government for the purchase of these bonds without calling for bids therefor, and that no bonds shall be authorized or sold unless notice shall have first been given to the electors of such unorganized school district setting forth the proposal to issue such bonds, the amount thereof, the rate of interest, the maturity dates thereof, and the purpose for which the proceeds of such bonds will be used; and also a description of the project or projects to be undertaken and completed, the estimated cost of each and the estimated total cost, which notice shall be in writing, and signed by the members of the county board of education for unorganized territory and addressed to the electors of such district, and specify the date, time and place of meeting of the county board of education for unorganized territory when such proposal shall be considered, and published in one issue of three legal newspapers of general circulation in the district. The notice shall require any electors having objections to appear and show cause, if any, why such bonds should not be authorized and sold. The county board of education for unorganized territory at the time and place mentioned in the notice shall hear all objections and thereafter shall decide whether such bonds shall be authorized and sold.

Subd. 16. Every county board of education for unorganized territory issuing

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bonds is hereby required annually to levy taxes upon all the taxable property in such unorganized territory sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of such bonds at maturity.

Subd. 17. The county board of education for unorganized territory, by unanimous vote of the members thereof, may issue bonds for the purpose of refunding any bonds issued by an organized school district which has been dissolved and its territory reverted to unorganized territory, which refunding bonds shall be chargeable against the territory that was chargeable with the payment of the bonds so refunded. The power to issue such bonds shall remain in the county board of education for unorganized territory notwithstanding the dissolved territory, or a part thereof, shall have again become organized territory. Such refunding bonds shall not run for a period shorter than five years nor longer than 20 years. The first refunding bond shall be due in not more than six years from the date of its issuance and shall be for not less than one-fifteenth of the total bond issue in question nor more than one-fifth thereof and each subsequent bond shall be for a like amount and be payable one year from the maturity date of the bond to be paid the preceding year. The county auditor shall extend a tax against all the taxable property within the territory chargeable in the first instance with the payment of the bonds so refunded sufficient to pay the interest on such refunding bonds and any installment of principal that may be due in the following year. Such tax for the first year shall be 50 percent in excess of the amount to be due the succeeding year, and thereafter each yearly levy shall be in such amount in excess, not exceeding 50 percent, of the amount to be due the succeeding year, as the auditor may deem necessary. The county treasurer, upon the collection of such tax, shall apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of such interest or installment of principal and file with the county auditor receipts therefor, together with the cancelled bonds so taken up. The state board of investment may invest the funds under its control in any refunding bonds so issued under the provisions of this section.

Subd. 18. When a new county or counties have been or may hereafter be created and organized out of territory embraced within the boundaries of one or more organized counties and in which there is unorganized school territory, and lying partly within the old and new counties, or wholly within the new county, the county boards of education for unorganized territory of the old and new counties shall meet upon the written request of the county superintendent of either county at such time and place as shall be designated in the request, which request shall be served upon each member of each county board of education for unorganized territory of the counties affected at least five days before the time of such meeting and make a division of all the money, funds, and credits belonging to such unorganized school territory as the same existed prior to the division of the county or counties and, in making such division, the board shall take into consideration the indebtedness of the unorganized school territory and make such division as they deem just and equitable and all such money, funds, credits, and property shall be divided and apportioned to the respective unorganized territory in the old and in the new county in proportion to assessed valuation of taxable property in such unorganized territory, respectively, in such old and new county, at the last assessment thereof.

Subd. 19. In such cases and in case the county boards of education for unorganized territory of the old and new counties shall fail to meet pursuant to the notice provided, the county superintendents of the old and new county or counties and the state commissioner of education, or his deputy, shall constitute a board of apportionment and, upon the written application of the county board of education for unorganized territory of either county affected, shall make a division of all the money, funds, credits, and property as provided which apportionment shall be in writing and verified by the state commissioner of education, or his deputy, and by at least one of the county superintendents of the counties affected and filed in the office of the secretary of state and be final and conclusive. Within five days after the filing of this apportionment, the secretary of state, if apportionment is made as provided in this section, or the superintendent of schools of each county, if such apportionment is made as provided, shall transmit to the treasurers of the counties affected by the apportionment a certified copy of such apportionment and application, if any.

Subd. 20. The county boards of education for unorganized territory and the

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county officials of the old and new counties shall forthwith after such division and apportionment proceed to fulfill and carry out the terms thereof.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 26*]

123.57 M.S. 1953 [Repealed, 1957 c 947 art 9 s 9]

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

123.61 LIMITATIONS. Every district which for one year shall have exercised the powers and franchises of a district shall be deemed legally organized.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 27*]

123.62 PLATS. The auditor shall keep in his office books containing a correct plat and description of each district, whether wholly or partly in his county, and of the unorganized territory. The auditor shall submit, on or before December 31 of each year, to the state department a description and plats showing changes made in district boundaries during the calendar year.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 28*]

123.63 EMINENT DOMAIN. In any municipal corporation or district in this state where the governing body or board has the right, power, and authority to purchase sites for school buildings without authorization by the voters at a regular or special meeting or election called for that purpose, such governing body or school board shall have the right, power, and authority to condemn lands under the right of eminent domain for sites and grounds for public school buildings and such power and authority shall be exercised under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of chapter 117. Any such corporation or school district shall have the right, upon the filing of the award of the commissioners provided for in chapter 117, and upon giving the notice therein required of the filing of such award, to enter upon and appropriate the lands so condemned without giving of any bond, but in case of such entry and appropriation, such corporation or school district shall be bound absolutely to pay all damages awarded, either by the commissioners or by the court upon appeal therefrom, together with all costs and expenses adjudged against it therein within the time specified in chapter 117. In case any such corporation or school district shall appeal from the award of commissioners appointed pursuant to any such condemnation proceedings, such corporation or school district shall not be required to give or file any appeal bond therein.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 29*]

123.64 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. The board of any district in which instruction in agriculture is afforded is authorized and empowered to purchase or otherwise acquire by condemnation proceedings as provided for acquiring school-house sites in the name and in behalf of such district, a suitable tract of land either within or without the limits of such district to be used for the purpose of instruction, experimentation, and demonstration in agriculture. The provisions of this section shall apply as well to districts organized under special acts as under the general laws, notwithstanding any provisions or restrictions in the laws under which the same are organized.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 30*]

123.65 DISCONTINUANCE OF SCHOOLS. The board of any district in any emergency or upon authorization by a majority of the voters present at any regular or special school meeting of the district, may provide for the instruction of its pupils in an adjoining or nearby district and, in such case, may discontinue the schools of its own districts or of any grades in said schools, in which case it shall provide for the free tuition and transportation of the pupils of its own district to the school in an adjoining or nearby district. Such free transportation shall conform to the rules and regulations of the state board of education. The teachers shall keep the registers separately for the pupils from each district discontinuing its schools and return the registers and make separate records to the clerk of such district and to the county superintendent of the number and names of pupils, with their attendance, and such district shall retain its organization and be entitled to special state aid under such rules as may be fixed by the state board of education.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 31*]

123.66 RECORDS AS EVIDENCE. The records of all districts and boards and all transcripts thereof, or any part thereof, certified by the clerk or other officer having custody thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein

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stated and all records, books, and papers of such district or board shall be subject to the inspection of any voter of the district.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 32*]

123.67 COUNTY ATTORNEY, DUTIES. When the boundaries of any district are coterminous with the boundaries of a county unless the board retains separate counsel, the county attorney may serve as attorney for the board without additional compensation from the district, but the board of county commissioners of such county may allow such additional compensation for legal services rendered to the board as the board of county commissioners deem proper.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 33*]

123.68 COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CONTINUANCE, LAWS APPLICABLE. Any school district classified as a county school district July 1, 1957, shall continue to operate under the laws now governing it. The provisions of Laws 1957, Chapter 947 relating to independent school districts shall apply to and govern each county school district unless the particular laws governing the county school district provide for the matter, in which case the provisions relating to the county school district shall apply and control.

[*Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 34*]

123.69 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, TUBERCULOSIS. Subdivision 1. **Annual tests.** The employees of all school districts, as defined in section 120.02, and the employees of all private or parochial schools, day care centers and nursery schools shall, prior to employment and annually thereafter, show freedom from tuberculosis in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the state board of health. The school district, private or parochial school, day care center or nursery school shall assume the payment of the cost of the services necessary for the diagnosis and report but the obligation shall be limited to the actual examination and diagnosis and shall not include travel or incidental expenses. The physical examinations, chest x-rays or tuberculin tests shall not be required of any the employee who files with the school board or with the person or persons legally responsible for the private or parochial school, day care center or nursery school an affidavit setting forth that he depends exclusively upon prayer or spiritual means for healing, that he is to the best of his knowledge and belief in good health, and that he claims exemption from health examination on those grounds.

Subd. 2. **Employees showing tuberculosis.** If the examination prescribed by rule and regulation of the state board of health shows evidence of active tuberculosis and the employee is certified by the employee's physician to be infectious and to be a danger to the public health, it shall be the duty of the school board or the person or persons legally responsible for the private or parochial school, day care center or nursery school immediately to exclude the person from his employment during the period of infectiousness; provided, however, that an exclusion from employment shall not restrict the rights acquired by teachers pursuant to sections 125.07 and 125.12.

[*1961 c 214 s 1; 1974 c 526 s 1*]

NOTE: See also section 144.45.

123.70 HEALTH STANDARDS; NEWLY ENROLLED STUDENTS. Subdivision 1. Prior to his initial enrollment in any school in this state every child shall submit to the principal or other person having general control and supervision of the school, one of the following statements: (1) a statement signed by a physician that he has received immunization against red measles and German measles or rubella by such means as is approved by the state board of health and that such immunization is currently effective; or (2) a statement signed by a physician that the physical condition of the child is such that immunization would seriously endanger his life or health; or (3) a statement signed by his parent or guardian that he has not been immunized as prescribed in clause (1) because he is being reared as an adherent of a religious denomination whose teachings are opposed to such immunization; or (4) a request signed by his parent or guardian that the local health officer administer the prescribed immunization.

Subd. 2. The local school administrator shall, without delay, notify the local board of health, which shall provide, without delay, the immunization requested by this section to those children under subdivision 1, clause (4), at public expense.

Subd. 3. The phrase "any school" means any public, private or parochial elementary school, day care center or nursery school.

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Subd. 4. The immunizations required by this section should be completed prior to the second birthday of the child.

[1967 c 858 s 1, 2; 1973 c 137 s 1-3]

123.71 PUBLICATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT DISBURSEMENTS. Subdivision 1. Every school board shall, within 30 days after its adoption of a budget for the current school year, but in no event later than September 1, publish a summary of the disbursements of funds showing the actual expenditures for the prior fiscal year and proposed expenditures for the current fiscal year in form prescribed by the state board of education in a newspaper of general circulation and holding a U. S. Post Office Department second class mailing permit or a legal newspaper located in the district, or if there be no such newspaper within the district then in the legal newspaper outside the district which has a general circulation in the district.

Subd. 2. It shall also publish at the same time a summary of bonds outstanding, paid, and sold, a summary of orders not paid for want of funds, and certificates of indebtedness for the year ending June 30.

Subd. 3. A statement shall be included in the publication that the complete budget in detail may be inspected by any resident of the district upon request to the chief school administrator.

[1969 c 1011 s 1-3; 1971 c 690 s 1]

123.72 INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR RETIRED PERSONNEL. The school board of any independent school district may expend funds to pay premiums on hospitalization and major medical insurance coverage for officers and employees who retire prior to age 65 and who are between the ages of 60 and 65. Such premiums shall only be paid until such retired officers and employees reach age 65.

[1973 c 739 s 1]

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

123.76 POLICY. In districts where the state provides aids for transportation it is in the public interest to provide equality of treatment in transporting school children of the state who are required to attend elementary and secondary schools pursuant to chapter 120, so that the health, welfare and safety of such children, while using the public highways of the state, shall be protected.

School children attending any schools, complying with section 120.10, subdivision 2, are therefore entitled to the same rights and privileges relating to transportation.

[1969 c 570 s 1]

123.77 DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. The following words and terms in sections 123.76 to 123.79 shall have the following meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. "District" means any school district or unorganized territory as defined in section 120.02.

Subd. 3. "School" means any school as defined in section 120.10, subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. "School board" means the governing body of any school district or unorganized territory.

Subd. 5. "School children" means any student or child attending or required to attend any school as provided in the Education Code, chapters 120 to 129.

[1969 c 570 s 2]

123.78 EQUAL TREATMENT. Subdivision 1. The school board of any district which is now or hereafter eligible to receive state aid for transportation under chapters 123 and 124, shall provide equal transportation within the district for all school children to any school when transportation is deemed necessary by any board by reason of distance or traffic condition in like manner and form as provided in sections 123.16, subdivisions 3 and 4; 123.18; 123.39; 124.22; and 124.51, subdivision 5, when applicable.

Subd. 1a. (a) The school board of any local district shall provide school bus transportation to the district boundary for school children residing in the district the same distance from a nonpublic school actually attended in an adjacent contiguous district as public school pupils are transported in the transporting district, whether or not there is another nonpublic school within the transporting district, if the transportation is to schools maintaining grades or departments not maintained in the district or if the attendance of such children at school can more safely, economically,

or conveniently be provided for by such means. (b) The school board of any local district may provide school bus transportation to a nonpublic school in an adjacent contiguous district for school children residing in the district and attending that school, whether or not there is another nonpublic school within the transporting district, if the transportation is to schools maintaining grades or departments not maintained in the district or if the attendance of such children at school can more safely, economically, or conveniently be provided for by such means. If the board transports children to the nonpublic school located in the adjacent contiguous district, the nonpublic school shall pay the cost of such transportation provided outside the district boundaries.

Subd. 2. When transportation is provided, the scheduling of routes, manner and method of transportation, control and discipline of school children and any other matter relating thereto shall be within the sole discretion, control and management of the school board.

[1969 c 570 s 3]

123.79 FUNDS AND AIDS. Subdivision 1. Such state aids as may become available or appropriated shall be governed by section 124.22, be paid to the school district entitled thereto for the equal benefit of all school children, and disbursed in such manner as determined by the board.

Subd. 2. The board of any district may expend any monies in its treasury, whether received from state or any other source for the purpose of providing equal transportation treatment of all school children attending school.

[1969 c 570 s 4; 1974 c 566 s 1]

123.80 SAFETY EDUCATION FOR TRANSPORTED STUDENTS. Not later than January 1, 1975 the state board of education shall provide by rule or regulation a program of safety education for students who are transported to school. Each district receiving aid under the provisions of section 124.222 shall implement the program for the school year beginning in September 1975. In drafting said regulations, the board shall give particular attention to procedures for loading, unloading, vehicle lane crossing and emergency evacuation procedures as they affect school buses.

[1974 c 332 s 1]

123.81 [Repealed, 1969 c 9 s 96]

123.82 [Repealed, 1969 c 9 s 96]

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