

pleaded in any court of law or equity, and before any judge, or justice of the peace, and have and use a common seal, and the same to alter or break at pleasure, and to exercise all the powers and privileges granted to or vested in them by the provisions of this article, as fully to all intents and purposes as any other corporate body may or can lawfully do.

145*. The Commissioners of Public Schools, appointed as hereinbefore provided for, shall assemble on the third Monday after such appointment, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the purpose of organizing, at which meeting, or at some subsequent meeting held by special adjournment, they shall proceed to the election of a president, who shall be chosen by a majority of the votes of the whole board, and shall hold his office for the term of one year, or until his successor shall be elected; if the office of president shall be vacated by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be the duty of said board to fill the same at the earliest practicable period by a new election.

146*. The Board of Commissioners of Public Schools are hereby authorized and required to appoint a treasurer, not a member of the board, who shall also act as secretary to the said board, who shall give bond to the State of Maryland in a sum double the amount of money levied and collected for school purposes, with at least two securities to be approved by them, with the condition that he will perform faithfully the duties of treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools, and pay over and apply all moneys that shall come into his hands or care as treasurer aforesaid, to such person or persons and in such manner as the said board shall direct; and that he will keep and enter in a book kept for that purpose a full and fair account of all moneys received and paid by him, and of all matters relating to his duties and office, and preserve the same and all vouchers relating thereto, and deliver up all the books and vouchers relating to said office whenever they are required by the said board, to such person as they shall appoint to receive the same; the said treasurer shall be elected annually at such time as the said board shall in their by-laws provide, and shall receive such compensation for his services as they from time to time shall determine, not exceeding three hundred dollars per annum.

147*. The said Board of Commissioners of Public Schools may receive any gift, grant, donation or devise made for the use of any