

173. The county commissioners shall apportion the said fund among the several school districts in said county in such proportions as in their discretion they shall deem just and reasonable, and they shall pay semi-annually to the several teachers with whom a contract shall have been made and confirmed, their respective apportionments; *Provided*, each teacher, before receiving the same, shall produce a certificate from the trustees of his school district that he is entitled thereto; and said trustees may grant a certificate for services rendered during less than half a year, should circumstances render it necessary.

174. All money paid by the county commissioners shall be by a check drawn by the president of the board of commissioners on the Bank of Easton, stating the fund in bank from which it shall be paid, and the purposes for which it was drawn, and shall be countersigned by the clerk to the commissioners.

175. Each teacher, in addition to the sum he shall be entitled to receive under his contract and certificate from the county commissioners, may be permitted to charge the parents and guardians of each scholar such sum as the trustees of the district may in their discretion allow; but the said trustees shall require of each teacher, before receiving a certificate from them for his distributive share of said school money, that he will relinquish or refund any charge for the schooling of every child of such needy persons as they shall designate to him.

176. Any resident in said county shall be privileged to place his child or ward at any school in said county he may select.

177. The county commissioners of said county may, upon petition in writing of a majority of the taxable inhabitants of any school district, appoint three judicious and discreet commissioners to examine into the state and condition of said school district, and report such alteration or division of said district as they shall deem advisable.

178. The report of said commissioners shall be subject to the approval of the county commissioners, and they shall cause notice to be given in one or more of the newspapers published in said county for thirty days, of the intended ratification of said report.