

CHAP. 144. successors, are hereby authorised to have one common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at pleasure.

Vacancies, how to be supplied.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That whenever any of the said trustees shall die, resign, or refuse to act or qualify, or remove from the county, or shall neglect to attend the annual meetings of the said board for three years successively, the remaining trustees, or a majority of them, at their stated annual meetings, shall elect, by ballot, a person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies from the same election district; and every vacancy shall be filled where the person occasioning such vacancy resided when first constituted a trustee; and all future vacancies shall be filled in like manner by the said trustees, and their successors, so as aforesaid, to preserve the full number of thirty members.

See 1814, ch. 29.

Meetings—By-laws, &c.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That there shall be an annual stated meeting(a) of the said trustees on the first Wednesday of September next, and on the same day in every year thereafter, and at such other time or times in each and every year as the said trustees, or a majority of them, may appoint; and the said trustees are hereby authorised and empowered to make all such by-laws, rules and ordinances, as they, or a majority of them, may deem necessary and proper for carrying into effect the object of this institution, and by such ordinances to appoint seven of their own body to be visitors of the Central Academy at Snow Hill, delegating to the said visitors such powers and authorities as they may deem expedient for the government and discipline of the teachers, scholars and others, of the said seminary.

(a) By 1814, ch. 29, the trustees to fix the time of meeting, and authorised to borrow money, &c.

When sufficient funds to establish county schools, trustees to appoint patrons of such schools.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That so soon as the said trustees shall be enabled with sufficient funds, either by legislative donations or otherwise, to establish or endow one or more county schools for the purposes of common English education, they are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint a committee or committees of their own body, to be styled Patrons of the said school or schools, who shall be accountable to the said trustees, and their successors, for the faithful discharge of their duties, in such manner, and under such regulations as the said trustees may establish or appoint.

Property vested in trustees

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all and singular the property, real, personal and mixed, belonging to the visitors of Worcester county school, in their corporate capacity, as soon as the same is reduced into their possession, and also the lot or lots of ground in in Snow-Hill, with the houses, buildings, and appertenances thereon, heretofore held in trust for the trustees of the Snow-Hill academy, with all other the property, real, personal or mixed, to which they or any other person or persons have or may hold in trust for them for the use of said academy, shall be and is hereby vested in the said trustees of the Union Academy, and shall for ever hereafter be deemed, considered and held, as their right and property for the purposes of this act.

First meeting, when to be held—Oath of trustees.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a majority of them, shall meet for the first time on the first Wednesday in April next, and qualify themselves for the office of trustees, by taking the several oaths to government appointed by the constitu-