

Duty of Commissioners.

be appropriated for the erection of said public school building in said precinct it shall be the duty of said School Commissioners to so apportion said sum so as to clearly designate how much of said sum shall be expended for the purpose of purchasing a lot of land (if a lot is not already owned) or additional land, if necessary; how much shall be expended for the erection of a school house, and how much shall be expended in furnishing and equipping the same; and said School Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to acquire by purchase or condemnation the necessary lot or addition thereto for the erection of said school building.

Plans and specifications.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That immediately upon notification from said Commissioners that said lot is ready for the erection of said school building, the said building committee shall, as speedily as possible, procure and adopt plans and specifications for the erection of said public school building, and as soon as said plans and specifications are determined upon by said building committee they shall invite sealed proposals by advertisement, for a reasonable time, for the construction and completion of said building, which proposals shall be sent in sealed envelopes in care of the School Examiner of Anne Arundel County, addressed to said committee, and shall be publicly opened on the day and hour named in said advertisement; said proposals shall set forth the amount of money for which the parties proposing will complete the building according to the specifications, and the time or times at which payment therefor shall be made, and the time when said building will be completed; and the said building committee shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, giving bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty as said committee shall determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract entered into; which bond or bonds shall be liable at the suit or suits of the County Commissioners or School Commissioners of Anne Arundel County for any violation of its conditions; the said building committee is hereby authorized to employ a skilled and competent architect under whose control and supervision, as to material and workmanship, said building shall be erected, and said building committee shall also, in like manner, determine upon the proper furnishing of the rooms and offices of said building and shall at such times as they may deem proper advertise for such furniture as in their discretion will be suitable for the several rooms therein, and shall award the contract therefor to the lowest responsible bidder; provided, however, that the entire cost of erecting and furnishing said building shall not in any

Awarding the contract.

Cost of building and furnishing.