

Board of
County
School Com-
missioners.

18. The Board of County School Commissioners shall meet for organization on the first Tuesday in May next succeeding their appointment, or as soon thereafter as may be, and elect a person, not a member of the board, who shall serve as secretary and treasurer of the Board of County School Commissioners and County Superintendent of Public Education, and notice of such election, signed by the president of the board, shall be transmitted to the Comptroller; the person thus elected as secretary, treasurer and County Superintendent, shall enter upon his duties the first day of August next ensuing after his election; in counties having more than eighty-five schools the board may, at their discretion, appoint a clerk and fix his salary; the board shall meet at least once in every school term, and at other times, if necessary, for the transaction of business; each commissioner shall receive as an annual salary the sum of one hundred dollars, and he shall make no further charge or charges for any services rendered.

Salary.

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porate.

19. The Board of County School Commissioners are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Board of County School Commissioners of _____ County, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable to sue and be sued, to use and have a common seal, and the same at their pleasure to alter or break, and to exercise all the powers and privileges hereby granted to or vested in them; and every County Superintendent or Assistant County Superintendent shall have power to take affidavits and administer oaths in all matters pertaining to public schools, but without charge or fee.

To have gen-
eral control.

21. The Board of County School Commissioners shall have the general supervision and control of all the schools in their respective counties; they shall build, repair and furnish school houses; they shall purchase and distribute text-books; they shall, after advising with the principal of the school to which the teacher is to be appointed, appoint all assistant teachers; they shall have authority to consolidate schools when, in their judgment, consolidation is practicable and desirable, and to arrange for and to pay charges of transporting pupils to and from such schools, and shall perform such other duties as may be necessary to secure an efficient administration of the public school system, subject to the provisions of this Article.

School tax and
free school
fund.

22. The State school tax and free school fund are primarily intended, under this Article, to pay the salaries of the teachers of the several counties and to provide school books and station-