

shall appoint a secretary, who shall also be treasurer of the board, and shall receive such compensation as the board may direct.

25. The treasurer of each board shall give bond to the State of Maryland, with at least two securities, to be approved by the board of school commissioners in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, with condition that he will faithfully perform the duties of treasurer, pay over and apply all moneys that shall come to his hand or care as treasurer, to such persons and in such manner as the school commissioners may direct, and that he will keep a full account of all money received and paid by him, and of all matters relating to the duties of his office and preserve the same, and all vouchers relating thereto, and deliver up all books and vouchers relating to his office whenever they are required by the school commissioners, to such person as they shall appoint to receive the same.

26. In all cases where a county has not been properly divided into school districts and full record of the boundaries thereof has not been made and recorded, the board of school commissioners shall appoint a committee consisting of two persons of intelligence and sound judgment, members of their own body or otherwise, who shall divide the county into suitable school districts, and define and describe the boundaries of each; *provided*, that no school district shall contain a greater area than four miles square, unless a part of it be located in a mountainous or unpopulated region; in the formation of the school districts, the committee shall take into consideration the most suitable site for the school house, the general features of the country, such as streams or other waters, mountains, roads, railroads, villages, towns, cities and especially the population, and shall make each school district of such size and form as will best accommodate the population within its bounds; the committee shall make a full and clear description of the boundaries of the school districts, accompanied by a plat, and shall report the same to the school commissioners, who shall thereupon give notice in all the newspapers of the county at what time they will meet to hear application for a change of boundaries, which application shall