

the case, and if they deem it expedient, they may sell and convey the said school house and lands and appropriate the avails to the erection of another school house upon such site as they may select.

42. No school house shall be used for any other than public school purposes and school district meetings, without the consent first obtained of the district commissioner. The location of school houses in the city of Baltimore, and all matters connected with the building and furnishing thereof are to be decided by the Mayor and City Council, or by the board of commissioners for schools in the city of Baltimore, if the Mayor and Council so direct.

SCHOOL HOUSE SITES.

43. It shall be the duty of the district commissioners, with the consent of the board, to select a suitable school house site, in each school district.

44. The board of school commissioners may receive donations of such sites or locations for school houses as may be designated, if any be offered; or may purchase the same. Any house already built and adapted to school purposes, which may be suitably located in any school district, but in no case shall any site be occupied or any school house be built thereon until a good and sufficient title shall have been obtained for the same in the corporate name of the board of school commissioners for the county.

45. Where lands shall be required for the site of a school house, or for enlarging a school house lot, and the commissioner of the district shall, from any cause, be unable to contract with the owner thereof, the board of school commissioners may apply for a writ of ad quod damnum to the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county or the Superior Court for Baltimore city, as the case may be, who shall forthwith issue the same, and the sheriff shall execute the said writ and return an inquisition describing the land and stating the amount of damages to be paid to the owner, and the judge for the Circuit Court for the county, or of