

missioners are authorized to cause the German language to be taught, if they think proper to do so.

1892, ch. 538.

42. Whenever a school numbers more than forty children in average attendance, an assistant may be employed by the board of county school commissioners in their discretion, and for every additional forty children one teacher may be appointed, and the board of county school commissioners shall direct the division of the pupils so as to form a graded school.

1890, ch. 324.

47. The school year shall be divided into four terms, which shall be designated the fall term, winter term, spring term and summer term, and the time of beginning and closing each term shall be regulated by the board of county school commissioners; provided, that the financial reports of the schools of the State shall be made up, and rendered to the thirty-first day of July, inclusive, of each and every year; and provided further, that there shall be no change in or encroachment upon the holidays and vacations set forth and established in the following paragraphs: The month of August shall be vacation throughout the whole State, and the following days shall be holidays, viz: Thanksgiving day; from Christmas eve to the first day of January, inclusive; Washington's birthday; the fourth day of July; from the Friday before Easter to the Monday after Easter, inclusive, and the Monday of Whitsuntide, and the remaining month of vacation shall be fixed and designated by the board of county school commissioners, to subserve the convenience and advantage of their respective counties; in case it may be necessary to open school for a fraction of a term, it shall close at the end of the term, and all accounts shall be settled at the meeting of the board of county school commissioners held at the close of the term.

Text-Books.

1896, ch. 135.

59. The board of public school commissioners of Baltimore city, and each board of county school commissioners, shall adopt and purchase text-books for use in the public schools of said