

tion 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 lots for the erection of said school buildings.

Adopt plans
and specifications.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That immediately upon notification from said Commissioners that said lots are ready for the erection of said school buildings on any of them, the said building committees shall, as speedily as possible, procure and adopt plans and specifications for the erection of said public school buildings, and as soon as said plans and specifications are determined upon by each of said building committees they shall invite sealed proposals, by advertisement for a reasonable time, for the construction and completion of said buildings, which proposals shall be sent in sealed envelopes in care of the school examiners 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 buildings according to the specifications, and the time or times at which payment therefor shall be made, and the time when said buildings will be completed, and the said building committees shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, giving bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty as said committees 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 committees are hereby authorized each to employ a skilled and competent architect, under whose control and supervision, as to material and workmanship, said buildings shall be erected, and said building committees shall also, in like manner, determine upon the proper furnishing of the rooms and offices of said school buildings, 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 or bidders; provided, however, that the entire cost of erecting and furnishing said buildings shall not in any case exceed the amount owned by the school commissioners for said erection or furnishing of any of said school buildings.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That said building committees, upon entering into any contract, as mentioned in the preceding