

tenance of the different parks and squares shall be made by the Park Commissioners.

98. The night watchmen employed by the Board of Park Commissioners shall have, while on duty, the same power that police in said City have as conservators of the peace.

*Department of Education.*

99. There shall be a Department of Education of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. The head of said department shall consist of a Board of School Commissioners composed of nine persons, who shall serve without pay, and who shall be appointed by the Mayor in the mode prescribed in section 25 of this Article, and removable as therein provided. One of said Commissioners shall be President of said Board and so designated by the Mayor when appointed. Their term of office shall be six years, three of them to retire at the end of every two years. The Board first appointed shall determine by lot their term of office, so as to provide for the retirement in the succeeding two and four years of three of their number. The members of said Board shall be residents of the City of Baltimore for at least one year and citizens of the State of Maryland for at least five years prior to their appointment. The members of said Board shall be chosen by the Mayor from among those he deems most capable of promoting the interests of public education, by reason of their intelligence, character, education or business habits. In the selection of members of said Board and in their action in the administration of the public schools, ecclesiastical and party ties shall not be regarded, so that the public schools may be entirely out of the field of political and religious differences and controversies. The said Board shall confirm or reject all nominations of teachers made to it, as hereinafter provided by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and his Assistants. It shall not confirm the appointment of any teacher whose name does not appear upon the graded list hereinafter provided for. All officers, secretaries, clerks and employees shall be appointed by said Board, and may be removed by it at pleasure, and any teacher may be removed by said