

a quorum thereof, and the concurrence of three members shall be necessary for the decision of all questions which may arise in the discharge of their duties, and all vacancies occurring in said committees, whether from death, refusal to act, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of County School Commissioners of Anne Arundel county.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That immediately after the passage of this Act it shall be the duty of the said Board of County School Commissioners to apportion the amounts appropriated for the said three schools so as to clearly designate how much of each of said sums shall be expended for the purpose of purchasing the lots of ground, how much shall be expended for the erection of said schoolhouses, and how much shall be expended for furnishing and equipping the same; and said Board of County School Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation the necessary lots for the erection of said school buildings.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That immediately upon the notification of said Board of County School Commissioners that said lots are ready for the erection of said buildings, the said building committee shall, as speedily as possible, procure and adopt plans and specifications subject to the approval of said Board of County School Commissioners, for the erection of said public school buildings; and as soon as plans and specifications are determined upon, said building committees shall invite sealed proposals by advertisements for a reasonable time for the construction and completion of said buildings, which proposals shall be inclosed in sealed envelopes in the care of the County School Superintendent of Anne Arundel County, addressed to said building committees, and shall be publicly opened on the day and at the hour named in said advertisements. -Said proposals are to 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 will be made, and the time when the 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 to the suit or suits of the said Board of County School Commissioners of Anne Arundel county for any violation of its conditions. Said building committees, or either of them, may reject any or all bids. The said building committees are hereby authorized to employ an architect, under whose control and supervision as to material and workmanship said building shall be