

more into school districts, and of locating school houses, shall be fixed by the Mayor and City Council, and not be subject to the requirements of this section.

To employ
Teachers, &c.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the School Commissioners, each for his own school district, subject to the provisions of the by-laws issued by the State Board of Education, to employ Teachers from among those persons who hold the proper certificate to attend to the distribution of books and stationery, requiring each pupil to pay in advance for the use of the same, unless exempted therefrom; to exercise a general supervision over the schools, visiting them at least once each term; to have the care and custody of all school houses, school furniture and apparatus, and school house sites; purchase fuel and provide for all incidental expenses, keep school houses and enclosures in repair, have shade trees planted, advise concerning the discipline and management and course of instruction pursued, require examination of the pupils in any or all branches of study, and to use their influence and exertions to increase the usefulness and elevate the standard of the schools, and convince the people of the inestimable value of sound education.

Schools open
at least six
months.

Sec. 7. They shall cause instruction to be given in each school district for at least six months in each year, and if the State and county appropriations fail to prolong the school session, then to allow the use of the school house and furniture for subscription schools under their direction.

To take affi-
davits.

Sec. 8. Every District Commissioner shall have power to take affidavits and administer oaths in all matters pertaining to public schools, but without charge or fee, and under the direction of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to take and report to him the testimony in any case of appeal.

To examine
charges.

Sec. 9. They shall examine any charge affecting the moral character of any Teacher within their district, first giving the teacher reasonable notice of the charge, and an opportunity to defend himself therefrom; and if the charge be sustained, shall annul the Teacher's certificates, by whomsoever granted, and declare him unfit to teach; and