

and unfit for use; he shall recommend all repairs, the purchase of grounds, school sites and buildings, or the sale of the same, and shall prepare or cause to be prepared all plans and specifications for the remodelling of old buildings, and the construction of new buildings, subject to the provisions of section 20 of this article; and he shall recommend, in his discretion, to the county board of education, an architect or architects to assist in the preparation of the plans and specifications for remodelling old buildings or the construction of new buildings, and shall supervise such remodelling and construction. He shall approve in writing all contracts of whatever kind entered into by the county board of education, and no contract entered into by the county board of education shall be valid without the written approval of the county superintendent of schools.

72D. The county superintendent of schools shall be the representative of the state superintendent of schools in all state examinations for teachers' certificates conducted within the county, and shall perform such duties in connection therewith as may be required by the state superintendent of schools. He may issue, without charge, provisional certificates to teachers, subject to the provisions of Chapter 8 of this article.

72E. The county superintendent of schools shall nominate, for appointment by the county board of education, all principals and all assistant teachers, shall assign them to their positions in the schools, transfer them as the needs of the schools require, recommend them for promotion, suspend them for cause and recommend them for dismissal.

72F. The county superintendent of schools shall organize and attend county and local institutes for teachers and citizens, shall organize and direct the work of reading centers of the county, advise teachers as to their further study and professional reading, and assist parents and citizens to acquire a knowledge of the aims and work of the schools.

72G. The county superintendent shall visit the schools, observe the management and instruction and give suggestions for the improvement of the same. He shall advise with principals and teachers, counsel district trustees, and shall labor in every way to awaken public interest and to improve educational conditions within the county.

72H. The county superintendent of schools shall grade and standardize, subject to the rules and regulations of the state board of education, all the public schools of the county, and