

control, the work of construction; the Committee shall invite sealed proposals for such work by advertisement to be inserted in two newspapers published in Dorchester County, and such other advertisement as it may deem proper, for the performance of the work aforesaid, including the heating, lighting, and ventilating of said building, so decided upon, so as to make the same complete, and it may invite bids for any one of these items of construction, separately, or may invite bids for one or more of them jointly, as in its discretion may seem advantageous; the said proposals shall be made in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee, and shall be publicly opened at the time and place named in said advertisements, and the Committee, reserving unto itself the right to reject any and all bids, shall award the contract, or contracts, to the lowest responsible bidder, or bidders, giving satisfactory bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty as said Committee shall determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract entered into, which bond shall be liable to suit by the County Board of Education for violation of any of its terms and conditions. The said Committee shall likewise have power to purchase a suitable site, in or near the town of Hurlock, for the new school building, if that be decided upon, as well as to provide proper equipment for such building as may be decided upon, and to pay all costs and expenses incidental to the work aforesaid.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That the said Committee shall have the power, in its name, to make contracts for the work aforesaid, or any part thereof, or any work or expense incident thereto, as well as for the equipping and furnishing the same, the said contracts, as well as the plans and specifications for the building adopted by the Committee, to be subject to the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools, to the same extent as provided in section 30 of Article 77, of the Annotated Code of Maryland; that all contracts for the sums of \$500, and over, shall be in writing and the signature thereto of the Chairman of said Committee, attested by its Secretary, if duly authorized by the Committee, or a quorum thereof, shall constitute a sufficient execution of the same on its part.

The said Committee shall provide for its use a book, containing warrants, numbered consecutively, in such form as it may adopt, and issue such warrants, signed by its Chairman and Secretary, to the contractor, or contractors, for money due under his, or their, contract or contracts, and for all expenses incident to the work, specifying the sum to be paid and the purposes for which paid, said warrants to be upon the Board of Education of Dorchester County, and the said Board of Education on such warrant, or warrants, and in no other