

county board to proceed until the plans and specifications shall have been approved in writing by the state superintendent of schools; in case the construction is to be done by contract, the contract shall be invalid without the written approval of the state superintendent of schools. *In Baltimore County, in addition to the other requirements of this section, the County Board of Education shall submit for approval to the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works the plans and specifications for every school building, including all acquisitions of land for or in connection with any school building, and for every addition to the capital plant of any school building. The Chief Engineer shall examine all such plans and specifications to ascertain if the same are reasonable and proper. No contract shall be made and no expenditure shall be incurred in Baltimore County for any such building, land or capital addition, unless and until the plans and specifications therefor have been approved by the said Chief Engineer.*

41. All the property, estate, effects, money, funds, claims and state donations heretofore vested by law in the public school authorities of any county, for the benefit of public, primary, free or high schools, are transferred to and vested in the county boards of education, and their successors in office. The county boards of education are authorized, empowered, directed and required to maintain a uniform and effective system of public schools throughout their respective counties. Real and personal estate granted, conveyed, devised or bequeathed for the use of any particular county or school district shall be held in trust by the county board of education for the benefit of such county or school district. *Provided, however, that in Baltimore County, title to all real property, now held or hereafter acquired shall be transferred to and vested in the County Commissioners of said county, who shall hold the same for the use and benefit of the Board of Education of Baltimore County. Whenever such property is no longer needed for school purposes IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, the County Commissioners of Baltimore County may dispose of the same at public sale. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO GIVE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY THE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT OR ABRIDGE THE EXISTING AUTHORITY NOW VESTED IN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY IN ITS OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, THE PERSONNEL THEREOF, THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ALL SCHOOL PROPERTY, THE PURCHASE*