

CHAP. 221. tures, and for such other school purposes as the said board of trustees shall deem most advantageous to the interest of the said district school, and it shall be the duty of the board of education to order and direct the superintendent to invest in bonds of the State of Maryland or in certificates of loan of the United States, to be held by said superintendent and his successors for the purposes of this act, any surplus that may remain of the said existing poor school fund, after the said sum of two hundred dollars is contributed to each school district under the provisions of this section, the interest arising thereon to be received by the said superintendent and his successors, and appropriated to the general county fund to meet any deficiency in the collection of taxes, the principal to remain so invested until it may be required for the construction of such additional buildings as may hereafter be required in said county for school purposes.

Qualification of district trustees. SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the trustees of the several school districts in the said county, who shall be first chosen under this act, shall meet at the places of holding their said first election, on the first Saturday after they are so elected, and shall then and there proceed to organize and qualify by taking and subscribing an oath or affirmation, which each may administer to the others, that they will each faithfully and impartially discharge the duties required of them as trustees of the said districts respectively; they shall then have power to appoint a clerk, and also an assessor and collector of district taxes if necessary, and said clerks, assessors and collectors shall hold their respective offices for and during the period for which the trustees by whom they are appointed shall be elected, and until their successors are duly appointed; and on the said first Saturday after they are elected, the said several boards of trustees shall take measures to procure, in each of the said school districts, a lot of land, at the expense of the said districts respectively, for the purpose of erecting thereon a district school house, and when said lot is obtained, and a title thereto secured in the name of the said trustees and their successors, they shall notify the board of education, who shall furnish them with a model or plan for said house and fixtures, with specifications therefor, and when the said house and fixtures has been completed, according to the model and specifications, the superintendent, or some member of the board of education, shall inspect the same, and, upon his favorable report, the board of education shall order and direct the treasurer to pay over to the trustees of said district the