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District boards of school trustees shall each be composed of three members, appointed from the residents of the school district by the county boards of education on or before the third Tuesday in May, for a term of three years from the third Saturday in May next succeeding their appointment, and they shall hold office until their successors qualify. Provided that in the first instance the county boards of education shall each appoint one member for the term of one year, one member for the term of two years and one member for the term of three years, from the third Saturday in May, 1917. Thereafter the term of each member appointed to the boards shall be three years. The members of the boards shall be appointed solely because of their character and fitness. A county board of education may remove any member of a district board of trustees of the same county for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, giving to him a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being publicly heard, in person, or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. Vacancies on the boards shall be filled by the county boards of education for the unexpired term and until a successor shall qualify. Any member of a board appointed under the provisions of this section shall be eligible for reappointment unless otherwise disqualified by the provisions of this section. [If the county board of education shall find it impossible in any school district to secure the required number of competent persons who will serve as members of the district board of school trustees, the duties of the board for the particular school district shall devolve upon the county board of education.]

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Every district board of school trustees *appointed pursuant to the provisions of Section 18 of this article* shall hold an annual meeting each year on the third Saturday in May, or as soon thereafter in May as possible. At this meeting the board shall each year appoint one of its members as chairman, and shall give notice of such appointment to the secretary of the county board of education. Other regular meetings shall be held at least once each school term, and such special meetings shall be held as the duties and business of the board shall require. The principal teacher of the school district shall be the secretary for the board and shall attend all meetings of the board except when the board is in executive session; and shall with the consent of the majority of the members of the board present have the right to speak upon all questions, but shall have no right to vote; shall prepare for adoption all reports required by the county board of education, shall keep all records and accounts; shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the board in a record book provided by the county board of education, and shall conduct the correspondence of the board. [Any teacher of the school district shall have the right to appear before the board and speak upon any question, but no teacher or principal teacher shall be entitled to be present before the said board when the board is in executive session.]

[The district board of school trustees shall have the power, by unanimous vote, to refuse to accept the original assignment of any teacher who is provided for in any school under the board's jurisdiction, and upon the notification of such refusal the county superintendent shall name another teacher for each teacher so refused by