

authorities for the support and development of the public schools of the county.

71. *Communications with principals and teachers; reports.*

The county superintendent of schools, acting as the executive officer of the county board of education, shall conduct all correspondence, receive all reports from the principals and teachers, and shall see that all reports are properly made and submitted. He shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and submit to the county board of education for adoption, all reports required of that board by the State Board of Education or the State Superintendent of Schools, and he shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and submit for approval, ~~the~~ TO THE county board of education, the annual report addressed to the people of the county, provided for in Section 121 of this article.

72. *Bond.*

The county superintendent of schools and such other employees of the county board of education who have occasion to handle funds of the school system shall give bond to the State of Maryland in such penal sum as the board shall determine. Said bond shall have the security of any guaranty, deposit, trust, or other similar company duly authorized under the laws of Maryland to act in such capacity. The cost or fee for such security shall be paid by the county board of education, and said bond, when executed, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the court of the county. The bond shall provide that the employee will faithfully perform the duties of his office and pay over and apply all moneys that shall come to his hand or care to such persons and in such manner as said board may, under the provisions of this article, direct, and that he will keep a full account of all moneys received and paid by him, and all matters relating to the duties of his office and preserve the same, and all vouchers relating thereto, and deliver up all books and vouchers relating to this office to his successor.

Chapter 6. *The Public Schools*

73. *Required school year for public schools; admission of pupils.*

All persons between the ages of five and twenty years shall be admitted free of charge to the public schools of the State. All such public schools under the jurisdiction of boards of education shall be kept open for not less than one hundred eighty (180) actual school days during a ten-month period of each school year.

74. *School terms.*

The school year shall be divided into such terms as the board of education shall deem appropriate.

75. *Hours and days schools to be open.*

Schools shall be kept open each day during the school year, except Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, for not less than six hours.

76. *Holidays.*

(a) The following days shall be school holidays: Thanksgiving Day, and the day after; from Christmas Eve through the first day of