

CHAPTER 289.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Humboldt paper company.

(See supplement to local laws.)

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AN ACT to repeal chapter 100 of the private and local laws of 1862, entitled "an act to incorporate the Apple river boom company."

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 100 of the private and local Repeal. laws of 1862, entitled "an act to incorporate the Apple river boom company," approved April 7th, 1862, is hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 291.

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AN ACT to organize and establish a high school district in the territory embraced in union school district number one in the city of Beloit, joint with the towns of Turtle and Beloit, and union school district number two in the city and town of Beloit.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1: The territory embraced and included in union school district number one in the city of Beloit, joint with the towns of Turtle and Beloit, and in union school district number two in the city and town of Boundaries of Beloit union high school district.

Beloit, is hereby organized into a union high school district, to be called and known as "the Beloit union high school district," and said district shall possess and exercise the same right and powers as school districts organized and established pursuant to the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-five of the laws passed and enacted in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, except as is otherwise provided in this act.

School board.

SECTION 2. The school boards of said joint districts numbers one and two, together with the mayor or acting mayor of the city of Beloit, shall constitute the high school board of said union high school district, and the said mayor or acting mayor shall be the chairman of said board; and a majority of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Officers of board.

SECTION 3. The said board shall annually elect from their own number, a clerk and a treasurer of said board. The treasurer shall, within ten days after his election, execute to said district a bond, to be approved by said board, in such sum as said board shall direct, and with the condition prescribed by law for the bonds of school district treasurers.

Treasurer to give bond.

Duties of clerk.

SECTION 4. The clerk of said board shall be the clerk of all school meetings of said district, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of such meetings. He shall also keep a record of all the transactions of said board: *provided, herein, [however,]* in case of his absence from any such meeting, the said meeting or said board may appoint a clerk *pro tem.*, and in case the said mayor or acting mayor shall not be present at any meeting of said board, the said board may elect one of their number chairman *pro tem.*

Powers of board.

SECTION 5. The said board are hereby authorized and empowered to organize and maintain a high school in said district, to provide suitable accommodation for said high school; to hire the necessary teachers, to determine the qualifications for admission to said school, the text books to be used, and the course of study therein, and to frame and adopt a code of by-laws for the management of said school, and to repeal, alter or amend said by-laws from time to time, as said board shall deem proper.

Annual and special meetings.

SECTION 6. The annual meeting of said high school board shall be held on the second Tuesday of August,

in each year, at such hour of the day as the said board may direct. And the said board may at any time when a majority think proper, call a meeting of said district, by posting notices thereof in three public places in each of said districts numbers one and two, at least fifteen days before such meeting, and by publishing notice of any meeting for two weeks successively, next preceding such meeting, in some newspaper printed in the said city of Beloit; and any such meeting may be adjourned from time to time as the majority of voters present may direct, the specific object of such meeting to be named in said notice.

SECTION 7. The said district at any meeting called as above specified, may vote to purchase a site, and build a school house thereon for the use of said high school, and may vote to raise by tax such sum as may be necessary to pay for the same. Any such meeting may also authorize the said board to borrow money for said district to pay such expense, or any part thereof, at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum.

May purchase site and build school house.

SECTION 8. The said high school board may also, at any annual meeting, vote to raise by tax such sum or sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses of maintaining said high school, and to keep the buildings belonging to said district properly insured, together with such sums as may be necessary to pay the interest or principal of any money borrowed, or any part thereof.

School expenses, &c.

SECTION 9. All sums voted to be raised by tax at any such meeting, shall be collected in the manner provided by law for the collecting of school taxes, and the money belonging to said district shall be paid over to the treasurer of said district.

Collection of taxes.

SECTION 10. The clerk is hereby authorized at any time to call a meeting of said board, by giving personal notice of such meeting to each of the members thereof, or by leaving a written notice of such meeting, at least twenty-four hours previously to such meeting, at the residence of any member who cannot be found; and the said board may adjourn from time to time, as a majority may by vote decide, and it shall not be necessary for the clerk to notify the members to attend any such adjourned meeting.

Meetings of board.

Board may borrow money and issue bonds.

SECTION 11. The said board when authorized by vote of said district, at any meeting called as herein provided, may borrow money for said district, payable at a future day, with interest at seven per cent. per annum, payable annually; and as security for the payment of money so borrowed, the president and clerk of said board are hereby authorized and empowered to execute for and in behalf of said district, bonds or notes in due form of law, payable at such time or times as said board shall direct.

Contracts.

SECTION 12. All contracts made by said board for and in behalf of said district, shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the clerk, and the chairman shall indorse his approval thereon.

Construction.

SECTION 13. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the organization of said union school district numbers one and two.

This act to be submitted to a vote of the district.

SECTION 14. This act shall be deemed a public law, and shall be in force from and after its passage and publication: *provided*, that two-thirds of the legal voters in each of said districts numbers one and two, in attendance at their annual meetings, or at special meetings legally called for that purpose, shall vote in favor of said high school district; the voting to be by ballots, which shall have printed or written on them either the words, "for union high school," or "against union high school."

If vote favorable, meeting of board to be called.

SECTION 15. When each of said districts shall have determined, as provided in the preceding section, in favor of said high school district, the clerks of said districts numbered one and two shall call a meeting of the high school board of said union high school district, to be held a time to be by the said clerks agreed upon, at some place in the city of Beloit, each clerk serving notice thereof on such members of said high school board as reside in his district, and the notice to be served in the manner provided for in section ten of this act.

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