ler and President of the Board of Comm s-sioners of Public Schools be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed, as soon after the condemnation or purchase of the lot provided for in the first section of this ordinance as may be reasonably practicable, to provide or procure proper plans and specifications for the erection, on the said lot of ground authorized to be condemned or purchased by the first section of this ordinance, of a building adapted in every respect to the intended uses of said building as the new Baltimore City College, and embracing, in the details of such plans and specifications, all necessary excavations, and all appliances and arrangements necessary for the proper ventilation of said building, and for the health and comfort of those using it, all of which plans and specifications shall be subject to the inspection and approval of said Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools, and also of the Superintendent of Public Schools, or a majority of them, before any contracts shall be made in reference to any work or materials required for said building, and before any work is commenced thereon.

Plans and specifications for the erection of a suitable building to be procured

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted and ordained, That the said Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools, or a majority of them, shall advertise for proposals for the construction of said new Baltimore City College building, in all its parts, including all necessary excavations therefor, according to such plans and specifications therefor as they may have approved, and upon

To advertise for proposals for the construction of the building.

such terms as they, or a majority of them, shall prescribe; such advertisement shall be published in such newspapers, and for such reasonable time, as they, or a majority of them, may designate. They, or a majority of them, shall award the contract for the construction of such building, in all its parts, and for all necessary excavations therefor, to the lowest responsible and competent bidder or bidders making such proposals, and shall require said lowest responsible and capable bidder or bidders to enter, within fifteen days after the acceptance of his or their bid, into a contract, in writing, for the completion of said building and necessary excavations, according to all the details of said plans and specifications, and to give bond, with sufficient security, approved by the Mayor, for the faithful performance by said contractor or contractors, of all the requirements of said contract, which bond shall be given before said contract shall be deemed to be or shall become operative; and if, for any reason, said contract should not become operative, the said Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Board of Public Schools may award said contract, and require such bond, from the next lowest responsible bidder or bidders, or may, in their discretion, again advertise for new proposals for such building, in the manner, and upon the terms, so far as the same are then applicable, prescribed in the original advertisement for such proposals.

Contract to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Contractor to give bond for the faithful performance of contract.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted and ordained, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be

$75,000 appropriated for the purchase of lot.