To provide plans and specifications for the erection of a building.

Schools be and they are hereby authorized and directed, as soon after the purchase of the lot provided for in Section 1 of this ordinance as may be reasonably practicable, to provide or procure proper plans and specifications for the erection on the lot of ground comprising the lot now occupied by the Baltimore City College building, with the addition of the lot authorized to be purchased by the first section of this ordinance, of a building adapted in every respect to the intended use of said building as the Baltimore City College, including in their specifications and plans as much of the present building as may be found suitable to the use of the new Baltimore City College, embracing in the details of such plans and specifications all necessary excavations and all appliances and arrangements necessary for the proper heating and ventilation of said building 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 and the Inpector of Buildings, or a majority of them, before any contracts shall be made in reference to any work or materials required by said building, and before any work is commenced thereon.

To advertise for proposals for the construction of building.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, 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 Baltimore City College building, in all its parts, including all necessary excavations therefor,

To award the contract to lowest responsible bidder.

according to said plans and specifications therefor, as may have been approved, as provided for in Section 2 of this ordinance, and upon such terms as they, or a majority of them, shall prescribe; such advertisements 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 or contracts for the construction of said 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 bidder or bidders to enter, within fifteen days after the acceptance of his or their bid or bids, 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 for all the requirements of said contract or contracts, which bond shall be given before any 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 Commissioners of Public Schools may award said contract or contracts, 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 advertisment for said proposals; and the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand ($150,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may

To give bond.

$150,000 appropriated.