

General for 1930, Volume II, page 917, Opinions of the Attorney General for 1933, Volume II, page 1622. A recent opinion of this office with reference to this subject is Opinion No. 5114, rendered January 25, 1936. The first branch of the syllabus of that opinion reads as follows:

“1. A public officer possessing the power of appointment or employment may not appoint or employ himself, nor may a public board possessing such power appoint or employ one of their own number, in the absence of a statute expressly authorizing such action, even though his vote is not essential to a majority in favor of his appointment or employment and although he was not present when the appointment was made.”

In view of the above, and without further extending this discussion, it is my opinion, in specific answer to your inquiry, that a board of library trustees, organized under the provisions of Sections 7635, et seq., General Code, may not appoint one of their own members as librarian for the school district public library.

Respectfully,

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Attorney General.

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APPROVAL—BONDS OF CITY OF CLEVELAND, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, \$5,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 25, 1936.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

5410.

APPROVAL—BONDS OF CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, \$14,521.12.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 25, 1936.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.