

that will be furnished and the awarding power may take into consideration the quality of the elevator offered in determining which is the "lowest and best bid."

It is clearly recognized in such cases that the "lowest and best bidder" is not necessarily the lowest bidder. See 15 Ohio Appeals, page 76.

Coming to the specific question you ask, as heretofore indicated, it is a question of fact as to whether or not a given undertaking is non-competitive.

Respectfully,

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*Attorney-General.*

944.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF DANBURY TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
OTTAWA COUNTY, \$10,385.43, TO FUND CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 30, 1923.

*Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

945.

COUNTY NORMAL SCHOOLS—PAYMENT OF EXPENSES—SECTION 7645  
G. C. CONSTRUED.

*SYLLABUS:*

*Section 7654-1 General Code does not provide for a joint county normal school between a county board of education and a village board of education, and a village board of education cannot pay any part of the expense of a county normal school other than that incident to the furnishing of rooms, heat, light and janitor service.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 1, 1923.

*Bureau of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices, Columbus, Ohio.*

GENTLEMEN:—Yours of recent date received, in which you submit the following inquiry and request for a written opinion from this department:

"May a village school district pay any part of the expense of a county normal school organized under the provisions of section 7654-1 of the General Code?

By a village school district we mean an ordinary village school district, and not an exempted village school district."

Section 7654-1 General Code, reads as follows: