§ 3812. Payment of costs, charges and expenses by vote of district meeting. 1. Whenever the trustees or board of education or any school district officer shall have brought or defended any such action or proceeding, without any such resolution of the district meeting, and after the final determination of such suit or proceeding, shall present to any regular meeting of the inhabitants of the district, an account, in writing, of all costs, charges and expenses paid by him or them, with the items thereof, and verified by his or their oath or affirmation, and a majority of the voters at such meeting shall so direct, it shall be the duty of the trustees to cause the same to be assessed upon and collected of the taxable property of said district, in the same manner as other taxes are by law assessed and collected; and, when so collected, the same shall be paid over, by an order upon the collector or treasurer to the officers entitled to receive the same.

2. The provision of subdivision one of this section shall not extend to suits for penalties, nor to suits or proceedings to enforce the decisions of the commissioner of education.