The Park and Recreation Commission sponsors year round activities under the direction of Mr. Norm Proulx, Director of Recreation. These programs include soccer, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, street hockey, men's softball, women's exercise (in conjunction with the YMCA), and ski trips. These programs are for boys, girls, men & women. A listing of the days of these events was published in the Selectmen's newsletter and in the Reminder.

The baseball, softball, and hockey programs are funded in part by the Park and Recreation Commission budget, but are under the direction of the Recreation Association of Hampden (RAH). This is a volunteer organization that contributes many hours for the youth of the town in order to run these programs.

Mr. Mark Willcutt and Mr. Steve Hoadley were elected to serve on the commission for a three year term.

All the commissioners wish to acknowledge and thank those who have given so generously of their time and experience throughout the year. It is sincerely appreciated. Our goal of providing good parks and varied recreation programs for everyone in Hampden is often difficult, but is attainable with the help of so many interested and dedicated people.

The Park and Recreation Commission has regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. Steve Hoadley.

Respectfully submitted,
James Whipple, Chairman
Helene Hesser, Vice-Chairman
Mark Willcutt
Stephen LeClair
Lucille McGuill, Clerk

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Hampden, now one hundred years old, has experienced its most eventful year, though the most significant would be the founding year. Commencement of the Centennial Year Celebration began with the Anniversary Evening on March 28th and the second section on April 4th. The evenings were spent with commentaries by numerous townspeople on early Hampden historical events, industries, as well as personalities, incorporating many interesting and humorous anecdotes.
All this was assisted with songs from the Hampden Centennial Chorus and a brief repast of "no refreshments of donuts and". We are sure that all who participated in any way were pleased with the results.

General business and town management were constantly geared to the Centennial celebration. Regular weekly business meetings of the Board of Selectmen have been held each Monday evening at the Town House with supplementary meetings on other evenings made available for special committees, hearings and other informal sessions. Townspeople were urged to attend selectmen's meetings, as well as various hearings, and, of course, the Annual Town Meeting.

During the winter, the Highway Department fought the brunt of a severe season with our usual amount of ice, snow and low temperatures. This was topped off with the blizzard of February 6th, providing a heavy cover of snow. Hampden received $188.00 actual snow reimbursement from state relief for snow removal but the actual total expense was much higher.

![Board of Selectmen: Left to right, Arthur A. Booth, Jr., John M. Flynn, Jeannette S. Green, Ruth Woods, Secretary.]

Making the "way" through winter directly to the completion of Somers Road/Main Street intersection, we start the spring season with a final topping of pavement shaping up the shoulders; a vigorous resurfacing program took place during the summer and many miles of the Town's older secondary roads were resurfaced with oil and stone as an effort to insure maximum quality coverage at minimum expense. During all the manual highway work, your Department was feverishly preparing and maneuvering the town for the Centennial.

A large culvert was installed across Main Street between the Earl Connors and Wendell Battige homes to carry the brook, as the initial part of the storm drainage system and road reconstruction in that area.

The Telephone Company has installed underground conduits for the concealment of cables starting at the Dial Station to the former home of A. K. Harris. A temporary path was installed where the sidewalks used to be but the Telephone Co. will reinstall a permanent sidewalk in the Spring after settlement occurs. Aesthetically this installation will greatly improve the overhead wire situation along Main Street and we're sure it will be appreciated by all.

Grounds around the Town Buildings, parks and cemeteries were maintained this year with much extra effort, due to the many events and complications with the Centennial Celebration.

The selectmen have attended a number of the County Association Meetings and Workshops, Commissioner meetings, budget meetings, Massachusetts Department of Highway Public Works, covering ongoing projects and reimbursements.

This year the open burning season started January 15th to March 15th and was extended further to April 15th, with permits furnished by Richard Boynton, Fire Warden, and other Fire Department officers.
In the continuing interest of communications, elected and appointed officials meetings were held at the Thornton Burgess School. These meetings were designed as an informal forum between the people involved on a day to day operation of the Town, with both dissemination of information and as an interchange of ideas, problems, and hopefully, solutions. To further our effort to communicate with Townspeople, a Selectmen's newsletter was published and this next year we plan to increase the frequency of the letter.

During the year, several informal meetings were held with business people in Hampden. The purpose was to promote support for local business. Though a bit slow in starting, the movement gained interest and it has matured into a private organization "Hampden Businessmen's Association".

To add further to a very exciting year was another first for Hampden with the opening of Centennial Commons, the first town-owned housing for the elderly. This unit was well-received and certainly an asset to the people who use it and to the Community.

Cable TV has been an interest point for some time to several people in the Community. During the year, an interest hearing was held and response was quite dramatic. Based on that, a Cable TV Study Committee was formed. Mr. Robert Carlson was Chairman and the procedure for searching out possible companies was initiated. The first results were very poor because of the sparseness of population in Hampden and the expense of putting in a self-supporting system within the Community. However, a company who services the adjacent towns of Wilbraham and Ludlow has come forth and made an offer to extend the system into the Town of Hampden and has filed formal application. The Board will be proceeding in '79 with the appropriate hearings and with a report at the Annual Town Meeting. Cable TV, which is controlled by the State Cable TV Commission, operates with a license from the community but on a completely private and independent basis.

As we approached the Late Fall and Early Winter, budgetary considerations for the Annual Town Meeting came into play and much time was applied to that area. For some time, a strong policy of fiscal restraint has been established by your Board, with consideration that some increases and/or special expenditures may be required but must be fully justified to the Townspeople at Town Meeting.

The following have been reported and received and turned over to the Treasurer:

Building Permit Fees ........................................... $1,992.00
Tax Collector Fees ............................................ 1,862.00
Selectmen's Fees .............................................. 5,669.00
Licenses, etc. .................................................. 1,518.00
Police Department ............................................. 1,215.00
Town Clerk ......................................................

Total .............................................................. $12,256.00

SUMMARY

Your Board of Selectmen has made every effort to provide the best in management for the community in services and facilities. We wish to take this opportunity to wish all a "Happy Birthday" and to extend our thanks for your support and cooperation.

To our fellow boards, committees and town employees, we extend our thanks for a job well done.

John M. Flynn, Chairman
Jeannette S. Green
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.
REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission, in administering the Wetlands Protection Act has observed an increase in the amount of developed land in Hampden, resulting in a decline of available open space. This trend has led commission members to recognize a need for comprehensive planning and action to preserve open space for future generations. Commissioners have been researching methods of preserving land. Procedures being investigated are those by which the landowner, town, or other organization can preserve a parcel, providing benefit to the community and landholder. Many alternatives exist for an individual to maintain property for open space and the commission asks that persons interested in doing so contact a member.

The Conservation Commission, along with other town boards, is pursuing the update of sections of the master plan to enable Hampden to be eligible for matching funds for land acquisition. The recently instituted Agricultural Preservation program, established to provide funds to assist farmers in maintaining property for agricultural purposes is being administered by the Commission. Citizens interested in assisting with open space planning, land acquisition or the update of the master plan are urged to contact the commission.

Commissioners have participated in workshops and classes sponsored by the Mass. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions which has provided members with up to date information on legislation and methods for managing construction in or near wet areas. The commission emphasizes that residents planning to move land in or within 100 feet of a wet area should contact the commission for appropriate permits. Proposals are reviewed by the commission, followed by a decision about the impact on the area. To date, upon appeal, the State Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering had upheld commission decisions.

Should residents be planning work in wet areas, looking into preserving property or other concerns, the commission wishes that townpeople feel free to attend meetings or contact any member. Members welcome comments, suggestions, or questions. The regular meeting takes place on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,
RITA VAIL, Chairman
BEN BUMP, Vice-Chairman
PATTY ANN FRITZE, Secretary
MAJOR BENTON, Treasurer
ARTHUR GERRISH
FRANK PROUTY
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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Most of the 1978 Highway money was spent for general maintenance of all roads such as scrapping, drainage, brush cutting, patching, etc.

Roadsides were trimmed and brush cut back on the following roads: Chapin Road, South Road, Mill Road, and Glendale Road.

The intersection of Main Street and Somers Road was completed. A top coat of bituminous concrete was applied and the shoulders were graded and seeded.

The roads resurfaced with pea stone and asphalt were: Mountain Road, Bulleigh Road, North Road from Neffs to the junction of Burleigh Road, Ames Road from Town line to Glendale intersection, Chapin Road from Old Cemetery one mile south, Mill Road was honed for a distance of 1500 feet with pea stone and asphalt.

South Road was reconstructed from Robert Kibbe’s south for a distance of 1000 feet. Drainage was installed and the stone walls removed. The road was surfaced with pea stone and asphalt. South Road will be reconstructed from station 11 to top of hill turn around this year.

The shoulders on the following roads were cut back and ditches cleaned: Glendale Road, Ames Road, Scantic Road, Thresher Road, Stafford Road, Rock-A-Dundee Road, and South Road.

A new shed was added to our sand body shed to store all of our equipment. The shed was built by lumber cut around town and by the Highway Department.

A new four-wheel drive Chevrolet pick up was purchased to replace the one that was stolen and burned.

The town’s winter work has become a major problem. The public today insists upon bare pavement year round which adds to the cost of snow removal.

Under the government Ceta program we had roadsides trimmed and the parks were kept cleaned up.

Mill Pond and the canal were partially cleaned. The loam was trucked back to the garage for future use. The equipment to do the work was donated by Aime Dutil, Christiansens, and Blanchard Septic Tanks.

Respectfully submitted,
HOMER L. FULLER
Highway Superintendent
REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Hampden School Committee is pleased to present its report for the year 1978.

Significant among the events that took place during the year were changes that took place on the Committee. Resignations were accepted from Mr. Emory Ford and Mr. A. Stuart Fuller. Appointed to fill these vacancies were Mr. Donald Davenport and Mrs. Mary Clark.

Mr. Ford was elected to the Committee in 1975 and had served as Committee Chairman from April, 1977 through to his resignation in July. Mr. Fuller was elected to the Committee in April of 1977 and served until his resignation in August. The Committee is appreciative of the effort and interest contributed by Mr. Ford and Mr. Fuller and for their contributions to public education in the Town of Hampden.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment during the 1977-1978 school year was 951 students.

The October 1st enrollment for 1977 was 951 students. October 1, 1978, the enrollment was 870 pupils. The projected enrollment for October 1979 is 809 pupils. Projections indicate that this trend will continue into the early 1980's. Although there has been an increase in the number of homes built in town in recent years, there has been no appreciable impact on enrollment. It is, however, unreasonable to assume that this phenomenon will continue to persist.

GRADE 4 TRANSFER

As an adjustment to declining enrollments, the Committee is considering the transfer of Grade Four from Thornton Burgess School to Green Meadows School. This move, aside from providing an opportunity for students to mature more in a primary environment, appears to allow for a consolidation of staffing and transportation patterns. This matter is presently one of prime consideration by the Committee.

BASIC SKILLS

The Massachusetts State Department of Education has mandated that specific programs in basic skill development for reading, writing, mathematics, speaking

HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Left to right; Roland Fawthrop, Ellen Clark, Judy Witkop, Carl Sabin, Dr. Maurice F. Hefferman, Superintendent of Schools; Benedetto J. Pallota, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Donald Davenport.
and listening be established for early elementary K-3, late elementary 4-6 and secondary 7-12 grade levels. Implementation for the reading, writing and math programs is scheduled for October 1, 1980, listening and speaking programs by October, 1981.

To address this State mandate, a Basic Skills Curriculum Committee—comprised of three parents, six teachers, an employer, a member of the School Committee, and two administrators—has been organized and has begun the task of complying with the basic skills improvement regulations. Interested members of the community are welcome to attend these meetings which meet at the Green Meadows School on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

METRO PROGRAM

During the year there were a total of 31 students enrolled in the Metco Program. Receipts from the State for the Metco Program amounted to $42,187.00. Disbursements were $27,407 to the Town as tuition, and $14,780 for transportation.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank the many parents and residents who served the schools as volunteers. Many hours have been served, many jobs accomplished and much given in terms of talent and energy by the school volunteers. Their reward is a knowledge that they have served their children and their community well. A sincere “thank you” one and all for your contribution.

CHAPTER 766

The provision of special educational programming for students with special needs as mandated by Chapter 766 of the General Laws continues to expand. As of December 1, 1978, one hundred and thirty-four students were receiving services or in the process of being evaluated. Of this number 124 are accommodated within the school system. Ten of the 124 are in the initial phase of Core Evaluation aspect of the 766 process. The other 10 students are accommodated in programs outside the Hampden Public Schools. $185,956 has been budgeted for the 1978-79 school year.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Two items of major significance were encountered in the area of building maintenance during the year. They were the replacement of the leach field at Green Meadows School and the repair of the Green Meadows roof. Both items were on the warrant of the Special Town Meeting held in September. At that time, $15,410 was appropriated for the leach field and its replacement was accomplished during the month of October.

Because of the untimely withdrawal of the low bidder, the article relative to repair of the roof was withdrawn. Consensus at that time was that the matter should be deferred to the Annual Town Meeting. Thus the warrant for the 1979 Town Meeting will have an article requesting monies for a major repair of the Green Meadows roof.

Major items of Committee concern at the present are the Thornton Burgess roof and parking areas. Relative to the roof, it is anticipated that major repairs will be necessary within the next five years. The ravages of winter are taking their toll on the parking areas and major expenditures will be essential within the next few years.

THE NEW YEAR

The Committee enters 1979 with both optimism and concern. Optimistic because of the understanding, cooperation and assistance that it has received from the community in the past and trusting that it will continue to earn this
support in the future. Its concerns are manifold, but dominated by three major considerations. They are the rapidly rising rate of inflation, the growing number of mandated but not funded State programs and the matter of declining enrollments. The dilemma is that as enrollment declines, mandated programs impose additional costs while inflation erodes the purchasing power of the budget.

The result is the education of fewer students at substantially higher costs. The problem is how does a community that already spends 80¢ out of each tax dollar continue to absorb additional costs. The answer is obvious. It can’t. Consequently, the Committee must avail itself of every opportunity to conserve tax dollars while maintaining the integrity of the education program. In this regard, it solicits community understanding and support.

IN APPRECIATION

The Committee recognizes the support and assistance rendered by the Selectmen, the Advisory Committee, the Highway Department, the Police Department, the several other town departments and the community during the year. For this, a sincere thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ROLAND FAWTROP, Chairman
MARY CLARK
DONALD DAVENPORT
CARL SABIN
JUDITH WITKOP
Superintendent of Schools
DR. MAURICE F. HEFFERNAN
Assistant Superintendent of Schools
BENEDETTO J. PALLOTTA

COMPARISON OF PUPIL ENROLLMENT

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Projection of future school enrollments based on static October 1, 1978 enrollment figures and pre-school census figures. Pre-school figures include an experience factor of 10 pupils added each year prior to entering Kindergarten.

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PERSONNEL—HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE:
Dr. Maurice F. Heffernan, Supt.
Marlene Levis, Administrative Ass’t.
Lexie Guertin, Secretary

PUPIL SERVICES (Both Schools):
Mary-Stuart Cosby, Adjustment Coun.,
Charles Harrell, Admin. of Spec. Ed.
Barbary Walsh, Guidance Counselor
Helen McGretrick, Core Comm.
Chairperson
Sandra Schneider, Speech Therapist
Helen Green, Executive Secretary

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES
(Both Schools)
William F. Boucher, Jr., M.D., School
Doctor
Jane McCarthy, RN, School Nurse

THORNTON BURGESS SCHOOL:
Emilic Steere, Principal
John Farrell, Vice-Principal
Anita D’Amours, Secretary
Rita Southworth, Secretary

Teaching Staff:
Mary Büttner, Grade 4
Helen Dickinson, Grade 4
Patricia Downes, Grade 5
Raymond Drury, Music
Roger Farrell, Social Studies
Margaret Flaherty, Science
Katherine Foley, English
Johanna Fregeau, Grade 6
Ann Gatti, Learning Center
Judith Gelinas, Grade 4
Nancy Gerrard, English
Thomas Goodman, Math/Phys. Ed.
Morrison Gray, Science
Mary Hart, Mathematics
Sandra Jarvis, Phys. Ed.
Kenneth Ketchum, Reading/English
Lynn Levine, Social Studies
Janina Luczek, Grade 5
Virginia Midyette, Art
Charlotte Miller, Grade 4
JoAnn Miner, Home Economics
Craig Nakashian, Mathematics
Cecelia Nicholas, Grade 5
Ann O’Malley, Reading Resource Room
Kenneth Peterson, Social Studies
Normand Proulx, Industrial Arts
Arthur Roberts, Science
Carolyn Siano, Grade 5
Florence Viens, Foreign Lang./Soc.
Studies

Aides:
Eleanor Hapgood, Lunch Room Aide
Nancy Montagna, Learning Center Aide
Mary Voight, Lunch Room Aide

Hot Lunch Staff:
Yolanda Esposito, Program Supervisor
Ann Niquette
Carol Schneider
Mary Specht
Betty Sutcliffe
Susan Wojcik
Yolande Wilson

Custodial Staff:
William Nevins, Custodian/
Maintenance
Byron Brooks
Albert Ward
Mark Willcut

GREEN MEADOWS SCHOOL:
Benedetto J. Pallotta, Ass’t. Supt./
Principal
Ann Kane, Secretary

Teaching Staff:
Norma Buchholz, Grade 1
Mary Cahillane, Learning Center
Helen Canning, Grade 3
Helen Geary, Grade 1
Jean Godek, Grade 3
Joyce Goldberg, Grade 2
Kathryn Leary, Music (K-5)
Phyllis Hultstrom, Grade 3
Irene Kielbasa, Grade 2
Juban Laurins, Phys. Ed. (Both Schools)
Virginia Mahaney, Grade 3
Claire Merrill, Grade 2
Judith Moriarty, Kindergarten
Cynthia O’Sullivan, Grade 2
Elizabeth Phillips, Kindergarten
Jayne Shindler, Remedial Reading
Doris Viethaler, Grade 1

Aides:
Deborah Bowker, Learning Center Aide
Carol Davis, Teacher Aide  
Barbara Ingraham, Teacher Aide  
Elinor King, Art Aide  
Barbara Moore, Teacher Aide  
Elaine Robbins, Lunch Room Aide  
Joan Sands, Lunch Room Aide  

Hot Lunch Staff:  
Ornella Franiacico  
Linda Marini  
Barbara Oleno  

Custodial Staff:  
Stanley Herring, Senior Custodian  
William Manegre  
David Whipple  

Transportation:  
Palmer Motor Coach Service, Inc.  
West Springfield Servi-Car Co.
# 1978-79 School Calendar

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**Total Scheduled School Days — 185**

(Schools will close after the 180th day)

**Notable Events:**
- **September 5**: Teacher Orientation
- **September 6**: Schools open — Half Day
- **October 9**: Columbus Day
- **October 27**: Teachers' Convention
- **November 15-16**: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **November 22**: Half Day — Thanksgiving Recess
- **December 22**: Schools close at end of day
- **Jan. 15**: Martin Luther King Day
- **Feb. 19-23**: Mid Winter Vacation
- **Apr. 13**: Good Friday
- **Apr. 16-20**: Spring Vacation
- **May 28**: Memorial Day
- **June 22**: Half Day — Schools Close

**Note:** Adjustments, if necessary, will be made during the April vacation.

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February 7, 1979
HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Wilbraham, Massachusetts

The Regional School Committee is pleased to present its annual report to the residents of the school district and to reaffirm its "open door policy." Residents are invited and urged to visit the school to observe the academic and extracurricular programs.

ART

The Art Department continues to offer, on a purely elective basis, its general art classes, supplemented by eight-week "mini-courses" in ceramics and jewelry. The school was gifted this year with an original mural, designed and executed by a 1978 graduate and former art student, Louisa Wilson. The Performing and Visual Arts Society donated money to enable Minnechaug's Beautification Fund to provide canvas and paints for her 3½' x 8½' work.

BUSINESS

A Student Resource Center is presently being established by business teachers and business students. The Business Department is developing a library of materials obtained from local business establishments regarding employment and accounting systems.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

The Cooperative Education Department continues to service students as well as local employers by placing and supervising over 20 students in part, or full-time positions with local firms. Classroom activities and hands-on laboratory experiences in the School Store encourage students to explore career opportunities as well as questions regarding personal economics. By working a minimum of 15 hours per week, these students can earn additional graduation credits for their work experiences. Participation in our local chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) has resulted in a number of students gaining regional and state-wide recognition for their extracurricular efforts in retailing competitions. For those who must get their work experience through volunteer work, the Cooperative Education Department has created the Community Service program in which any student can earn graduation credits while gaining invaluable work experience in fields such as nursing, teaching, church work, scouting, coaching, working with service organizations and the like.

ENGLISH

The English Department continues to work on curriculum revisions and refinements. Mr. Richard Spencer developed a unit of writing assignments for 9th grade students entitled "The Rites of Writing." A vocabulary unit to accompany the basic freshman literature anthology has been compiled by Mrs. Susan Kline. Project Blueberry is in its third year of active production of television programs. The Massachusetts Department of Education has named Project Blueberry as one of the eleven most outstanding of those funded under Title IV-C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The programs, selected on the basis of their innovative approaches to implementing Board priorities, will receive $550,000 in additional Title IV-C funds to share their practices with other communities. Title IV-C funds are awarded competitively for the development of imaginative and innovative educational practices. In the spring of 1978, the project was granted state validation and now serves as an example of experiential education. The department has continued its emphasis on writing and reading skills in every course offered. Monthly book reports are required, as are weekly writing assignments.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Approximately 41% of the student body is enrolled in French, German, Latin and Spanish. Students elect a foreign language to satisfy college entrance requirements, and also because of the increased desire of many employers to hire people with second language skills. Enrollment in Latin classes continues to grow, with students actively participating in local and state Junior Classical League events.

GUIDANCE
The Guidance Department provides its services with a continuity of its professional staff. Some features to be noted are evening workshops in college admissions and financial aid, career decision groups and a course given by two counselors in Human Health and Sexuality. New this year: a department letter, "The Counselletter," being published every other month and mailed to each student's home; and guidance office evening hours, once a month, beginning in January 1979, with the goal of expanding counselor availability.

HOME ECONOMICS
Two programs in Home Economics continue to have maximum appeal to junior and senior students. The Child Study/Nursery Management course, which has a full enrollment of four-year-olds from Hampden and Wilbraham, does not yet reflect the drop in population of children at this age level. The Food Technology course, where students learn fast food techniques, lunchroom management and catering, including the preparation of 1,000 servings of lasagne as support to the Concert Band's midwinter dinner-concert series. Both programs offer an unusual opportunity for students to investigate these areas in terms of potential careers.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS
Approximately one-third of the student body at Minnechaug is enrolled in courses offered by the Industrial Arts Department. These include four levels of technical drawing, two each of woodworking, metalworking, electronics and graphic arts. In addition, four sections of power mechanics and a course in home construction and maintenance are being offered. Additional facilities are needed for this department to accommodate all students who wish to elect Industrial Arts courses.

MATHEMATICS
Eighth grade students from Hampden and Wilbraham are administered diagnostic tests which assess the needs of students who are experiencing difficulty in basic skills. Alternate courses are being offered to upgrade basic skills deficiencies. In addition, two semester courses entitled "Informal Geometry" and "The Metric System" were incorporated in the course offerings. At the senior level, a course entitled "Basic Algebra 2" is offered which includes material covered in the standard course, but not at the same intensity. The department arranges and provides an area in the math office for tutoring by math students who volunteer their study time in school to help students needing assistance. The Mathletes, a competitive math team, experienced an outstanding year during 1977-78. The team captures the mathematics title for the Western Massachusetts Math League and competed at the state and New England levels.

MEDIA CENTER
A wide variety of services are provided by the Media Center. The audio-visual office instructs students in the production of slides, audio and video tapes, and transparencies. Student volunteer aides assist teachers and coaches in utilizing
the many types of equipment available. The library provides a wide assortment of print and non-print materials for student use and maintains an excellent reference section covering a variety of topics. Student aides assist the librarian in service to both students and teachers.

MUSIC

The Music Department performing organizations have enjoyed a particularly active school year. The wind ensemble, directed by Charles Beeler, produced the popular January "Pops" dinner concerts. A highlight in the spring was the ensemble's first performance of a commissioned piece by the American composer, Alfred Reed. Money is being raised by the band for the purchase of a portable acoustical shell. The concert choir, with Mr. Amerman directing, will present its first major work, a performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria," in February and the spring will repeat its success of last year, an exchange concert program with the choral organizations of Wakefield, Mass., High School. The chamber choir has an active program of concerts for a number of civic and church organizations throughout the year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education Department has continued to expand its curriculum with emphasis during the junior and senior years on "lifetime" or "carry-over" activities. The coeducational units of instruction are chosen by the students at the beginning of each quarter. Recent additions include personal fitness, paddle ball and racquetball, cross-country skiing, and a swimming elective for two quarters. The team game of lacrosse has also been introduced into the junior and senior program, with emphasis placed on fundamental skills and sportsmanship. During the freshman and sophomore years, the large muscle activities of team sports are offered, i.e., field hockey, gymnastics, speed ball, flag football, swimming and track and field. This year's sophomore students have also enjoyed a much expanded "Project Adventure" curriculum which challenges the students both as individuals and as members of a group in problem-solving situations.

READING

This year more students than ever before are enrolled in reading courses at Minnechaug. Eleven sections of reading skills, five sections of development reading and four sections of efficiency reading are offered each semester, in addition to the reading in the content area program. In an effort to meet the needs of students going on to college, the Reading and English Departments have developed a new course entitled "Study Skills for the College Bound Student." This course will be offered as a semester elective to students in grades 11 and 12. Team taught by an English teacher and reading specialist, the course will cover such areas as preparing for college board tests, note taking, outlining and taking tests.

SCIENCE

The Science Department maintains the strong traditional sequence of subjects in varying ability levels that it has offered for the last few years. The first aid course will be expanded to a one-semester course starting September 1979. Included in the course will be standard first aid and personal safety certification, CPR certification and other contemporary practices and principles not covered in these certification programs. The computer science teachers have been able to offer an introduction to computer hardware with donated equipment from Digital Equipment Corporation. This is presently offered to qualified independent study students. The computer science program has been expanded to offer a combination of formal classroom courses and independent study for advanced students.
SOCIAL STUDIES

New courses have been introduced this year in grades 9 and 12. The new freshman course, entitled "History of Civilization," is a one-year study of world history for the college oriented student covering the periods of ancient history through the medieval period. This course is the first step in establishing a two-year world history program for interested students in grades 9 and 10. Next year a study of the modern period in world history will be offered for sophomores. In the senior year, two new courses were established for the non-college-bound student; these are semester courses in "News and Views" and "New England Life." Both of these courses are offshoots of senior courses previously taught to grade 12 students. Some 85 freshmen are taking the new "History of Civilization" course and approximately 70 seniors elected the new grade 12 courses.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Individualized programs for students with substantial special needs have been mandated by state and federal regulations since 1972. Last year, a visiting audit team of Department of Education and public school professionals evaluated special education programming at Minnechaug. They found "the implementation of Chapter 766 by the District if of high quality." They commended the District on its substantial program and long-term high professional commitment. During the 1978-79 school year, 125 students aged 14 through 22 received special services to ameliorate physical, intellectual or emotional handicaps. Over 100 of these students were enrolled at Minnechaug and received one or more services. Others were enrolled part-time in the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative vocational training programs. Of these receiving services elsewhere, several have had home or hospital instruction because of temporary handicaps. Additional more seriously handicapped clients received training in sheltered workshops, hospital affiliated schools or specialized day programs. Federal grants were received for the development of (1) a personal confidence therapy program; (2) coordinated training for the special education staffs of Wilbraham, Hampden and the regional districts to facilitate transition of special needs students to high school; and (3) the development of a manual of procedures for special and regular teachers.

VARSITY ATHLETICS

Minnechaug athletic teams have compiled an excellent record in many sports. In the past two sports seasons, the Falcons have won seven championships. The "Big Green Football Machine" has the longest winning streak in the state. Girls' gymnastics is the team with the most consistent quality performance and, along with the boys' gymnastics, put on an outstanding biennial gym show. The golf, track and soccer teams have been outstanding over the past ten years.

Minnechaug fields 41 different teams during the course of a school year, with the number of participants growing annually. Increased interest and participation has required an upgrading of swimming, soccer, gymnastics and tennis on the junior varsity level.

More than 800 students receive awards yearly, thus providing athletes with a positive experience that helps develop fitness, cooperation and lifelong friendships.

The school committee expresses its appreciation to the staff, the town officials of Hampden and Wilbraham, and to the citizens of the school district for their continued cooperation and support.

JOHN C. HOWARD, Chairman
SARAH R. BERENSON, Vice Chairman
GLEN A. BUCHOLZ
MARSHA W. CAIN
PAUL B. GOODRICH
YORKE P. PHILLIPS
CARL A. SABIN

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$8,674,872.00 $8,674,864.00 $4,085,939.00
## HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Willbraham, Massachusetts

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT — FISCAL YEAR 1978
June 30, 1978

### ASSETS

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**TOTAL ASSETS** .................................................. $373,116.37

### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES** ............................................. $373,116.37
Capital Expenditures
July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978

EXPENDED FOR DEBT REDUCTION
1971 Addition Bonding .................. $250,000.00
1958 Major Building Bonding ............. 100,000.00

$350,000.00

EXPENDED INTEREST ON DEBTS
1971 (5.0% on 5,000,000) .................. 180,250.00
1958 (3.1% on 1,000,000) .................. 3,100.00

$183,350.00

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ................. $533,350.00

Outstanding Capital Indebtedness
As of June 30, 1978

1971 (5.0%) Matures 12/15/91 .................. $3,480,000.00

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment—October 1, 1978

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PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 1978

SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

Francis P. Reddington
Superintendent of Schools, 1966
B.A., College of the Holy Cross;
M.Ed., State College at North Adams

Maurice F. Heffernan
Associate Superintendent, 1968
B.A., M.A., American International
Col.; Ph.D., University of Conn.

John M. Trebbe
Director of Business Services, 1978
B.A., St. Anselm’s College

Lois C. Barber
Bookkeeper, 1969

Glendene H. Campbell
Receptionist, 1978

A.S., Champlain College

Muriel O. Forsman
Bookkeeper, 1971

Sallie W. Moore
Bookkeeper, 1973
A.S., Colby Jr. College

Alberta B. Normandeau
Financial Secretary, 1977
B.S., University of Vermont

Joan C. Riel
Secretary to Superintendent, 1974
Salter Secretarial School

Computer Services

Theodore F. Skura
Director, 1978
S.T.C.C., W.N.E.C.

Jeanne C. Saugee
Assistant, 1975

PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Jerry A. Badger
Principal, 1968
B.S., Bates College;
M.Ed., Springfield College

William H. Schenck
Assistant Principal, 1968
B.S., M.Ed., Springfield College

Helen A. Walinski
Assistant Principal, 1959
A.B., College of Our Lady of the Elms;
M.Ed., Springfield College

Carol K. Keller
Secretary to Asst. Principal, 1977
A.A., Potomac State College

Anne M. Kissel
Office Aide, 1971

Helen M. LaBrecque
Secretary to Athletic Director, 1977

Andrea J. Morgan
Secretary, 1973
Mohawk Community College

Nancy S. Porter
Secretary to Asst. Principal, 1970
A.A., Green Mountain Jr. College

Luella M. Scarles
Bookkeeper, 1967
Shaw’s Business College

Shirley A. Streeter
Secretary to Dept. Chairman, 1974

Celeste B. Sullivan
Office Aide, 1972

Joyce E. Thompson
Secretary to Principal, 1974

Jeanne H. Wolford
Telephone Receptionist, 1974
R.N., Yale-New Haven Hospital

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Guidance

*George C. Proulx
Coordinator, 1968
B.A., St. Anselm’s College;
M.A., C.A.G.S., Assumption College

Marios Kacoyannakis
Counselor, 1962
B.A., American International College; M.Ed., Springfield College

Elizabeth G. Kennedy
Counselor, 1974
B.A., Carleton College;
M.Ed., University of Massachusetts

Robert C. Kirschling
Counselor, 1976
B.A., University of Detroit;
M.Ed., Westfield State College

Judith M. Smith
Guidance Assistant, 1970

Rita I. Strauss
Counselor, 1969
B.S., State Univ. of N.Y. at Cortland;
M.Ed., Springfield College

* Department Chairman
Note: Date indicates year appointed.
Steven B. Weiss  
Counselor, 1973  
B.A., M.Ed., Springfield College

Supportive Services

Psychologist
*Peter A. Gartner  
Coordinator, 1959  
B.A., Bates College;  
M.Ed., Springfield College;  
C.A.G.S., University of Connecticut

EIIP Program & Special Education

Shirley A. Bates  
Special Educator, 1974  
B.S., Springfield College;  
M.Ed., Westfield State College

Janice W. Cormier  
Therapeutic P.E., 1974  
B.S., Boston Univ.—Sargent College;  
M.Ed., Springfield College

Penelope M. Denoechaud  
Tutor, 1978  
B.S., Worcester State College

Paul a. Deslauriers  
Special Educator, 1964  
B.S., Springfield College;  
M.Ed., Westfield State College

Judith A. Emerson  
Tutor, 1973  
B.A., Mount Holyoke College;  
M.Ed., Antioch College

June M. Grove  
Counselor EIIP, 1978  
B.A., Clark University;  
M.Ed., Lesley College

Robert J. Hennessy  
Counselor EIIP, 1975  
B.A., Belmont Abbey College; M.S.,  
C.A.G.S., Springfield College

David A. Kaynor  
Tutor, 1975  
B.S., Springfield College

Cheryl L. Luongo  
Tutor, 1978  
B.S.Ed., Fitchburg State College

Helen Ross  
Speech Therapist, 1976  
B.A., City College of N.Y.;  
M.A., Standard University

Florence M. Sheehan  
Tutor, 1978  
B.S.E., Westfield State College

Distributive Education & Work Study

*James B. Mitchell  
Teacher, 1974  
B.A., University of Vermont

Albert E. Newsome  
Teacher, 1974  
B.S., American International College

Secretaries

Paula Barrepski  
Secretary to Coordinator, 1976  

Doris M. Follansbee  
Secretary to Coordinator, 1969

Carol R. Shaw  
Clerk-Typist, 1975

Project Blueberry

Mark R. Caron  
Coordinator, 1976  
B.A., M.Ed., Univ. of Massachusetts

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Arthur H. Goodwin  
School Physician, 1959  
M.D., Tufts University

SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

*Stephen W. Scharl  
AV/Media Specialist, 1973  
B.S., Manhattan College;  
M.A., Fairfield University;  
C.A.G.S., Boston University

Jacqueline L. Maskell  
Librarian, 1977  
B.A., Goucher College

Peggy A. Fegley  
Secretary, 1972

Teaching Staff

John L. Amaral  
Spanish, 1978  
B.A., Westfield State College

*Warren Amerman  
Music, 1973  
B.S., Trenton University;  
M.A., Columbia University

Marilyn Ats  
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