

## REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1959

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The Hampden Free Public Library was established in 1891, only 13 years after the town was incorporated, under General Library Legislation of Massachusetts for extension and encouragement of library services. (Think for a moment what a town would be without any library facilities!)

A Board of three trustees elected by ballot is charged by this same law with the management of the library and the improvement of its services. Monthly Board meetings, the date posted a week in advance by law, are open to any interested citizens. Inquiries and suggestions on any phase of the library operations are welcome at any time.

Hampden is fortunate that it is able to give excellent library service at a cost to the townspeople far below the accepted minimum per capita, because citizens over the years have been generous in their gifts. The interest from bequests, various memorial funds, gifts of important reference and non-fiction books, and volunteer work add the plus services and benefits beyond those afforded by tax money that are so essential to an active library.

Bequests and gifts are always welcome and serve to perpetuate in memory one's interest in the Hampden Library.

The library serves as an indispensable institution, not only to the school children, but to the adult population as well. In a sense it is as large as a city library, because it is always possible to obtain information or books on practically any subject through inter-library loans.

Attention is invited to the additional load placed on the library through the demands of a larger school population as well as the increasing population of a rapidly growing town.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Eleanor (Burleigh) McCray on August 6, 1959. Mrs. McCray had been a valued trustee for 37 years. A Junior High Reading shelf of 125 recommended books, including 28 given by her friends was established in her memory.

Dr. C. K. Bump was appointed by the selectmen and trustees in September to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. McCray until the 1960 annual town election.

The present library hours are:

Monday — 1:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Wednesday — 1:30 - 4:30 P.M. — 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Saturday — 2:30 - 5:30 P.M.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR

The library was open 10½ hours weekly during 1959, plus two additional hours at the request of the school, the cost being absorbed by the library budget.

Regular carrying of books to shut-ins by volunteers.

Delegates were sent to Boston to the Citizens' Committee on National Library Week.

Special program and public coffee hour (refreshments donated) for National Library Week. (Spring)

Essay contest for elementary school children, and awarding of books for prizes to encourage the love of books, during Children's Book Week. (Fall)

Christmas decorations arranged by Girl Scouts. Forty-one children enjoyed our Christmas party with Santa Claus on a Saturday afternoon. All the school children received candy canes when they visited the library.

Delegates attended the fall meeting of the Western Massachusetts Library Association in Westfield.

Most holidays find special displays of hobbies or books to fit the occasion.

## STATISTICS

### I. The materials of library service and their home use:

	1959	1958
Circulation of books and magazines	14,878	13,303
Books purchased:		
Adult: Fiction 167 Non-Fiction 76		
Juvenile: Fiction 97		
Non-Fiction 34		
Total	374	360
Periodical subscriptions purchased	45	
Registered borrowers	583	550
Donors of books and magazines	27	
Memorial books presented	51	

## II. Direct use of special services by the schools:

8 weekly supervised visits of school children in groups.

Daily use of Sessions Reference Room by school groups outside regular library hours.

264 large and small State Reading Certificates issued to qualified students.

Interloans made from the State Division of Public Libraries.

## III. Finances:

Appropriation by the Town	\$2,000.00
Dog Fund	728.65
Holt Fund	16.37

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Total	\$2,745.02
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## Expended:

Books	\$1,038.69
Magazines	145.75
Salaries	1,323.87
Incidentals	236.71

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Total	\$2,745.02
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## Johanna Burleigh Holt Fund

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Amount of Bequest	\$500.00
Interest available in 1960	17.01

## Morton L. Day Fund

Balance in Fund Jan. 9, 1959	\$531.04
Interest received	18.05
Withdrawal for Christian Herald subscriptions to shut-ins	14.00
Balance Jan. 6, 1960	535.09

## Grace M. (Pease) Carew Fund

Amount of Bequest	\$2,000.00
Balance in Fund Jan. 9, 1959	2,300.39
Interest for 1959	78.26
Balance in Fund Jan. 6, 1960	2,378.65

The board of Trustees wishes to acknowledge the interest and helpfulness of many groups and individual citizens in the town throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM P. BRYANS

Librarian

GERTRUDE M. LYONS

Chairman

ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN

C. KILBOURNE BUMP

Library trustees

## CIVIL DEFENSE

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Because of the curtailment of State funds, the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency has been on a limited operational basis.

Hampden Civil Defense has been affected directly, but has had representation at all important meetings of ways and means committees throughout the year.

Harry Johnson and Howard Cutting took and passed a 5-day Radiological course this summer.

This fall Warren A. Reed, representing Hampden Fire Department, and your Director, attended a seminar devoted to fire fighting and rescue of personnel from downed aircraft.

Under the present conditions, the residents of Hampden are advised by this office to make their own plans for survival and to find or construct some sort of fallout shelter.

We of Hampden Civil Defense, stand ready to advise and furnish plans for these preparations at no expense to our fellow townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON DELISLE, Director

# BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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For the year ending December 31, 1959 there were one hundred and ninety two (192) permits granted. These were as follows:

New houses	15
Nursing home	1
Garages	4
Commercial garage	1
Snack Bar	1
Hen house	1
Sheds	7
Barns	2
Alterations to houses	7
Additions to houses	14
Additions to garage	1
Remove milk house	1
Remove silo	1
Remove brooder house	1
Move brooder house	1
Electrical	72
Plumbing:	
New houses	22
Alterations	4
Replace septic tanks	22
New septic tanks	14
Inspections:	
Building	76
Electrical	121
Plumbing	84

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

Building Commissioner

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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This has been a busy year for the Police Department, as the following report will show:

1487 hours spent by the officers patrolling our roads and streets.

262 hours spent directing traffic during Church services, at parades and the like.

183 hours spent investigating accidents and complaints.

In addition, the Police Dept. has been responsible for the submitting of 73 Violation Notices to the Registry of Motor Vehicles or to Town Counsel for appropriate action. Ten summonses were served by our officers for police departments in other communities, ten motor vehicle accidents were investigated and reported on which occurred in Town, 58 notices of Defective Equipment were turned in by patrolling officers. Several juveniles have been brought in for questioning as the result of complaints by citizens, of which four were brought to court and convicted.

The issuing of Licenses to Carry Firearms within the jurisdiction of this Department, and in 1959, 14 licenses or renewals were issued, in addition to one gunsmith license.

A restraining order was again placed on dogs of the community this past summer, and compliance with this order is urged.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

Chief of Police



## Report of the School Committee

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During the past year our school enrollment has shown the same steady growth which has been experienced in the past. Because of the excellent facilities provided by the town, we have been able to cope with this growth and provide a well rounded educational program for our students. The School Committee with the help of our capable Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Kenneth Johnson, has endeavored to efficiently provide for the needs of our school system.

Our meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend.

We would like to acknowledge the devoted and sincere sense of duty of Mr. William Palmer, newly elected member of the Hampden School Committee, whose untimely death occurred last summer. Although he served only a few months he contributed much to our work. Mrs. Kenneth Winetrout was appointed to fill the vacancy until the next annual election.

### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

To the entire staff — the teachers — doctor and nurse — custodians — hot lunch personnel — and our secretary, we would like to extend our thanks for their patient and untiring efforts to make our school system functional and efficient.

### FACILITIES

The school buildings are in excellent condition. During the summer the window sash and walls of four classrooms, the corridors and the stair railings in the Junior High School were painted. The outside doors of the Elementary School were painted, and the floors in both schools were cleaned and refinished. Extensive

repairs were necessary to correct the leaching field at the Elementary School and to maintain the heating plant, and the lawn mowing equipment. It has been necessary to increase the budgeted amount for repairs and replacements next year because of the increased cost of maintenance in both school buildings. The Committee's policy is to plan corrective maintenance each year to assure that the facilities are kept in excellent condition.

The baseball backstop in the rear of the Elementary School was completed in the spring. Policy was written to control the use of the baseball field with organized baseball and softball teams on the elementary level given preference.

The School Committee accepted with thanks the presentation to the schools of a Hi Fi phonograph by the Hampden Square Dance Club.

### NEW EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

On recommendation of the Commissioner of Education, the Committee voted to extend the elementary school year to 180 days. Our junior and senior high schools also run 180 days.

We also voted to participate in the National Defense Act under Federal Law #864 which encourages advancement in science, mathematics and modern foreign languages by matching money spent for equipment for these subjects by the town.

### PURCHASING

During the last year we presented bids for oil and purchased supplies in conjunction with the town of Wilbraham and the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee reserving the right to accept or reject any or all bids. This resulted in substantial savings particularly in the purchase of supplies where

prices were quoted on a volume basis by the various supply houses.

### HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

It is pleasing to report that our Hot Lunch Program is again operating on a self-sustaining basis. We have been able to resume on a small scale the purchase of necessary replacements and some new equipment. A total of 36,370 hot lunches were served to students, 2,740 to adults, and a total of 64,031 cartons of milk were consumed.

### ADULT EVENING SCHOOL CLASSES

The evening classes have proven successful and we were again able to obtain full reimbursement from the George Barden Funds for salaries of the instructors. Classes in Cake Decorating, Party Refreshments, Rug Braiding, Leathercraft, Home Repairs and Advanced Sewing were offered. Also we again offered the men and women physical fitness classes which were very well attended.

### SCHOOL SURVEY COMMITTEE

It is the recommendation of this Committee that a School Survey Committee be appointed to study future school needs. We are still experiencing a steady growth in our school population and although there is no serious problem now, some long range thinking and planning should be started with future needs in mind.

Respectfully, submitted,

EDWIN LOMBARD, Chairman

ELEANOR MacMULLEN

DONALD DICKINSON

RAY BEANE

JULIA WINETROUT

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
ITEMIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1959

	1959 Appropriation	Unexpended Expended	Balance
GENERAL CONTROL:			
School Committees Expense	190.00	190.00	.00
Superintendent's Salary	6,970.00	6,964.33	5.67
Expense of Superintendence	4,320.00	4,320.00	.00
EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION:			
Supervisors' Salaries	3,868.00	3,559.81	308.19
Teachers' Salaries	86,505.00	85,330.23	1,174.77
Textbooks	1,250.00	1,250.00	.00
Supplies	2,720.00	2,720.00	.00
EXPENSE OF OPERATION:			
Janitors' Salaries	9,679.00	9,679.00	.00
Fuel/Light	6,500.00	6,495.79	4.21
Miscellaneous	1,730.00	1,730.00	.00
MAINTENANCE:			
Repairs and Replacements	500.00	500.00	.00
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:			
Health	1,642.00	1,634.65	7.35
Transportation	24,185.00	24,177.50	7.50
Tuition	26,161.00	23,777.42	2,383.58
Miscellaneous	440.00	440.00	.00
OUTLAY:			
New Equipment	700.00	700.00	.00
CONTINGENCY:	2,500.00	2,499.51	.49
COMMUNITY PROGRAM:	1,600.00	1,598.65	1.35
TOTALS	181,460.00	177,566.89	3,893.11
NET EXPENDITURES AS SHOWN		177,566.89	
RETURNED TO EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY			3,893.11

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## Reimbursements From The Commonwealth

	1959 Actual	1960 Estimated
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 3,333.33	\$ 3,333.00
Transportation:		
Chapter 71, Sec. 7A	25,190.00	20,150.00
Vocational Ed. Chapter 74 Sec. 8A	679.06	405.00
Tuition:		
Vocational Education	2,894.87	3,000.00
Chapter 70:	19,827.81	22,702.00
Sec. 38 Regional School Dist.	2,974.17	3,405.00
School Adjustment Counsellor		980.00
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	\$ 54,899.24	\$ 53,975.00
Estimated Cost of Education from		
Local Taxation	126,560.76	111,794.00
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	\$181,460.00	\$165,769.00

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## Estimated Returns To The Town From Sources

## Other Than The Commonwealth

	1959	1960
Community Program	915.50	900.00
Practical Arts:		
Tuition	157.50	150.00
Registrations	90.00	90.00
Maintenance	134.80	125.00

Industrial Arts	121.25	50.00
Miscellaneous	9.15	
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	1,428.20	1,315.00

## George Barden Funds:

Balance November 30, 1959	720.00
Expended	480.00
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Balance December 31, 1959	240.00

## Federal Reimbursement P.L. No. 864:

Balance September 30, 1959	15.57
Received October 31, 1959	199.59
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Total	215.16
Expended	206.19
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Balance December 31, 1959	8.97

## Federal Reimbursement P.L. No. 864:

Balance January 1, 1959	311.86
Expended	283.40
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Balance December 31, 1959	28.46

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWN OF HAMPDEN:

I hereby submit my third annual report for the school year 1959. Two events, vital to education in the United States, have had a definite effect on the curriculum policy of the Hampden school system. The first was Public Law #864 of the National Defense Act of 1958. Title III of this law provides financial assistance from the Federal government for the strengthening of science, mathematics and modern foreign languages in the public schools on a matched dollar for dollar basis. Three projects were submitted and approved. A mobile science demonstration desk complete with all necessary equipment to conduct better than one hundred experiments in many related fields of science was provided for the elementary grades. A mobile bookcase which will eventually contain more than two hundred science reference books which can be easily moved from one classroom to the next was the second project approved. The third project introduced a program of modern foreign languages which includes Spanish, German and French respectively in grades four, five and six. The instruction is basic using recordings and prepared lesson plans, and its purpose is to develop in our children an appreciation of the languages of other countries. Under Title V which concerns guidance, counseling and testing, the school and college ability tests were provided for grade eight to supplement the testing program. Funds have been included

in the 1960 school budget to further develop these areas of the curriculum with special emphasis on teaching aids to strengthen the program of mathematics in the Hampden schools.

The second event was the publication and release of a book entitled "The American High School Today" by James B. Conant. An in-service course for teachers was offered which centered around a comprehensive evaluation of this study of the high schools in the United States by one of the nation's most distinguished educators. The implications contained in this report served as a criteria for the critical evaluation of the course of study now being taught in the Hampden elementary grades.

To inspire a professional approach to in-service training, each teacher was required to write a critical review of either the Rockefeller Report entitled "The Pursuit of Excellence in Education" or "Education and Freedom" by H. C. Rickover. A bibliography which included three current books concerning education was also required before credit for the course was granted. The teachers who participated and successfully completed the course are to be commended for their contribution to the educational development of the Hampden school system. The teachers formed committees and individually and as groups studied the recommendations in Dr. Conant's report which were applicable to the elementary level of instruction. The results were excellent. Definite educational objectives were formulated in the areas of guidance, science, modern foreign languages, English composition and ability grouping. These objectives were projected to include a long range program of curriculum development and improvement which will be integrated with the course of study being offered in the Minnechaug Regional High School.



In the Hampden Junior High School several recommendations resulting from this study have already been adopted. Latin is offered in grade eight as a fifth major subject with full credit given to students who successfully complete the course. A formal reading program has been established two periods a week to further develop reading skills and comprehension. Special emphasis has been given to English composition and vocabulary development. New English textbooks were purchased for grades seven and eight. A school adjustment counsellor was appointed on a part time basis to supplement the mental health and guidance programs in grades one through eight.

Recognizing the value of encouraging children to read, the School Committee, in cooperation with the library, sponsored a contest based on the requirements of the State Department of Education for reading certificates which are awarded for books read by school children. Any pupil who read and reported on forty books was eligible to participate in a trip to the Science Park in Boston. There were five winners and the success of the total program is indicated by the fact that a total of 1323 books were read by the pupils in grades four, five and six.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Edward Grinnell, English and Latin teacher in the Hampden Junior High School, and the cooperation of the library trustees, over one hundred fifty books have been accumulated in the reference room of the library for the reading pleasure of the pupils in grades seven and eight.

The support of school sponsored events by the townspeople have been most encouraging. Their attendance at the Science Fair, annual Band Concert, Open House and the Christmas program was excellent and deeply appreciated. During conference week in Novem-

ber more than sixty parents visited with teachers by appointment to discuss the progress of their children in school.

With grade nine enrolled in the Regional High School in September there were several changes in school personnel. Miss Joan Cormack, Mr. Irwin Reed and Mr. Lawrence Dennis of the Junior High staff resigned to accept positions elsewhere. Mr. Edward Grinnell was appointed to teach Latin and English and Mrs. Judith Thoden was appointed to teach girls' physical education and a small class of sixth graders. Mrs. Charlotte Goss was appointed head teacher of the Hampden Junior High School. In the elementary school Mrs. Jacqueline Barry was elected to teach grade one. Mrs. Barry was one of several teachers who did practice teaching in the Hampden schools during the year. Miss Margaret Kiely was appointed as a part time school adjustment counsellor under the program sponsored by the Division of Youth Service, Mass. Department of Education.

The Hampden School Band travelled to Hadley to participate in the annual Western Massachusetts Music Festival in May and made a creditable impression with its performance under the direction of Al Strohman.

When school opened in September it was necessary to have three sections of grade one. This meant that all twelve classrooms in the elementary school were occupied. A small group of sixth graders attended class in the Junior High School each morning to relieve the crowded situation in that grade. The enrollment in the Hampden schools as of December 1959 is shown below:

## GRADES

Year 1959

Elementary					
1	2	3	4	5	6
60	56	56	39	45	39

Total 295

Junior High	
7	8

40 32

Total 72

Regional High		
9	10	11

40 33 24

Total 97

The total public school population is 488 pupils and includes the following tuition students:

Year 1959

Springfield High Schools Grade 12 15

Trade Vocational Grades 9 - 12 9

The following table indicates the predicted enrollment of our elementary school population over the next five years based on census figures available as of October 1, 1959. Move-ins are not included

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
1960	52	60	56	56	39	45	308
1961	69	52	60	56	56	39	332
1962	70	69	52	60	56	56	363
1963	55	70	69	52	60	56	362
1964	71	55	70	69	52	60	377

Because of the small registration in grade one for September 1960, it is anticipated that only two sections will be needed. This will mean that two sections of grade six can remain in the elementary school for the school year 1960-61. In September 1961 the sixth grade must definitely be transferred to the Junior High School where classroom space is available.

The projected enrollment for the Hampden Junior High School and the Minnechaug Regional High School for the next five years is as follows:

### GRADES

#### Junior High

Year	7	8	Total
1960	39	40	79
1961	45	39	84
1962	39	45	84
1963	56	39	95
1964	56	56	112

#### Regional High

9	10	11	12	Total
32	40	33	24	129
40	32	40	33	145
39	40	32	40	151
45	39	40	32	156
39	45	39	40	163

These tables definitely indicate the need of a school survey committee to anticipate and meet the needs of

our growing school population over the next ten years. It is interesting to note that Hampden would be facing a classroom shortage in September 1961 if grade nine were not attending the Regional High School. Estimates indicate that by September, 1964 barring any unforeseen increases in school population more classrooms will be required.

In September there were nine seniors attending Technical High School, three at Classical High and two at Commerce High School. When these students graduate in June 1960 it will mark the end of Hampden pupils attending Springfield schools on a tuition basis except for those who wish to attend the Springfield Trade School to pursue a vocational course of study. There were eight students enrolled in Trade School and eleven students enrolled in parochial or private schools.

On behalf of the Hampden School Department I wish to thank all who, with their cooperation and support, have helped to maintain a high standard of education for the children of Hampden. Never before in the history of our country has public school education been so closely scrutinized. A continuing and critical analysis of our curriculum and methods of teaching is imperative if we are to keep pace with a rapidly changing technology and the everlasting hope for world peace.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH E. JOHNSON

# REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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The School Nurse has assisted the School Physician with the following:

Physical Examinations of School Personnel	29
Teachers	14
Custodians	2
School Lunch Workers	3
Bus Drivers	6
Office Staff	3
School Nurse	1
Physical Examinations of School Children	210
Defects Found	4
Hearts and lungs checked for competitive athletics	32
Ears examined	370
Defective ears	16
Eyes examined	229
Defective eyes	7
Pre-school registration was held May 20, 1959	
Number attending	47
Vaccinations	1

One child had the benefit of four weeks vacation at Camp Frederick Edwards.

Two children are attending special clinics in Springfield each week.

The School Nurse has assisted the School Dentist with the examination of the teeth.

Number of children examined	370
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Notices sent	99
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The kitchens and toilet facilities of the Junior High School and the Elementary School were inspected and found, in general, to be adequate and well cared for.

The School Physician has responded to school emergencies.

The School Physician feels that the physical condition of the Hampden school children remains generally good. He also reminds all parents that personal hygiene and cleanliness have a great bearing on good health. Let us not forget this, and guide our children in this respect.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Teachers' Club for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN KEROACK, M.D.

SHIRLEY FULLER, R.N.

# HAMPDEN SCHOOL PERSONNEL, 1959-60

Name		Date Appointed	Education and Professional Training
Kenneth Johnson	Superintendent	1957	B.A., M.A., American International College
Helen Enslin	Principal	1959	Hyannis State Teachers College

## Junior High School

Charlotte Goss		1951	B.S., Fitchburg State Teachers College
Alvin McNeill		1957	B.S., M.S., Springfield College
Howard Cutting		1957	B.S., Springfield College
Vivian Colton		1953	B.E., Westfield State Teachers College
Edward Grinnell		1958	B.A., Yale University
Judith Thoden		1959	Mary Washington College

## Elementary School

	Grade		
Miriam Bryans	1	1952	Bridgewater State Teachers College
Eleanor Drummond	1	1953	Lowell State Teachers College
Jacqueline Barry	1	1959	B.A., Our Lady of Elms College
Emilie Steere	2	1951	B.S., Westfield State Teachers College
Dorrit Finn	2	1957	Posse Normal School
Jayne Neumann	3	1958	B.A., Lake Erie College
Helen Colling	3	1951	B.S., Framingham State Teachers College
Helen Dickinson	4	1957	B.S.E., North Adams State Teachers College



Helen Larson	4
Catherine Garvey	5
Thomas Hussey	5
Lena Moriarty	6

Virginia Midyette, Art Supervisor  
 Philip Buddington, Elem. Music Supervisor  
 Dwight Killam, Jr, H. Music Supervisor  
 James Starkie, Instrumental Music Supervisor

1957	B.S., Boston University
1954	Bridgewater State Teachers College
1958	B.S.E., Westfield State Teachers College
1953	B.S., Westfield State Teachers College
1952	B.A., Smith College
1957	B.S., American International College
1959	B.M., Syracuse, M.M., Boston University
1959	B.S., Lowell State Teachers College

Shirley Fuller, R.N.  
 Alvin Keroack, M.D.  
 Harold J. Bennett, D.M.D.  
 Dorothy Roy  
 Clarke Warren  
 Walter Lyons  
 Alma Temple  
 Rachel Dickinson  
 Yolanda Esposito

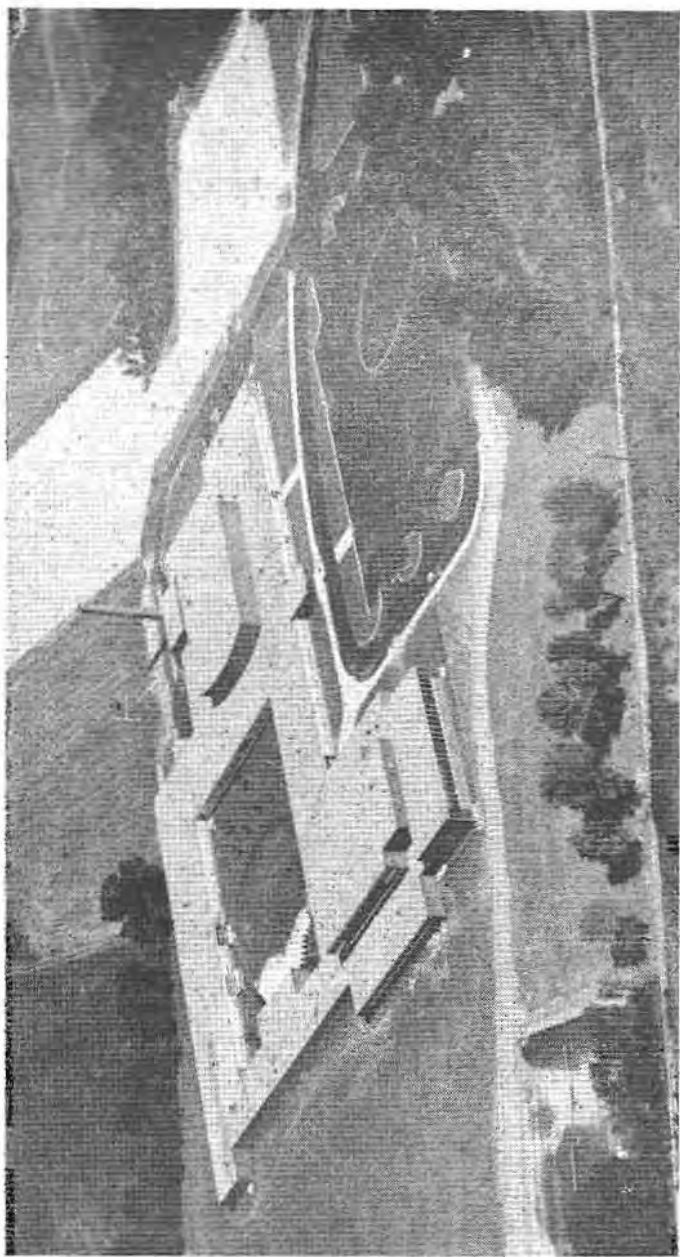
Nurse  
 Physician  
 Dentist  
 Secretary  
 Head Custodian, Supervisor of Attendance  
 Custodian  
 Supervisor, Hot Lunch Program  
 Asst. Supervisor, Hot Lunch Program  
 Cook, Hot Lunch Program

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS, HAMPDEN, MASS.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 1959-60

1959

	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
SEPT.	xx	14	15	16	17	18	xx	xx indicates no school
	xx	21	22	23	24	25	xx	Sept. 9—Schools open
	xx	28	29	30				(16 school days)
OCT.	xx	5	6	7	8	9	xx	Oct. 12—Columbus Day
	xx	xx	13	14	15	16	xx	23—H.C. Teachers' Convention
	xx	19	20	21	22	xx	xx	(20 school days)
	xx	26	27	28	29	30	xx	
NOV.	xx	2	3	4	5	6	xx	Nov. 11—Veterans Day
	xx	9	10	xx	12	13	xx	25—Schools close 12 N
	xx	16	17	18	19	20	xx	Thanksgiving Day
	xx	23	24	25	xx	xx	xx	(18 school days)
	xx	30						
DEC.	xx	7	8	9	10	11	xx	Dec. 23—Schools close
	xx	14	15	16	17	18	xx	Christmas Vacation
	xx	21	22	23	xx	xx	xx	(17 school days)
	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx			
1960								
JAN.	xx	4	5	6	7	8	xx	Jan. 4—Schools reopen
	xx	11	12	13	14	15	xx	(20 school days)
	xx	18	19	20	21	22	xx	
	xx	25	26	27	28	29	xx	
	xx							
FEB.	xx	1	2	3	4	5	xx	Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday
	xx	8	9	10	11	12	xx	26—Schools close
	xx	15	16	17	18	19	xx	Midwinter Vacation
	xx	xx	23	24	25	26	xx	(19 school days)
	xx	xx						
MAR.	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	Mar. 7—Schools reopen
	xx	7	8	9	10	11	xx	(19 school days)
	xx	14	15	16	17	18	xx	
	xx	21	22	23	24	25	xx	
	xx	28	29	30	31			
APR.	xx	4	5	6	7	8	xx	Apr. 15—Good Friday
	xx	11	12	13	14	xx	xx	19—Patriot's Day
	xx	18	xx	20	21	22	xx	29—Schools close
	xx	25	26	27	28	29	xx	Spring vacation
	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	(18 school days)
MAY	xx	9	10	11	12	13	xx	May 9—Schools reopen
	xx	16	17	18	19	20	xx	30—Memorial Day
	xx	23	24	25	26	27	xx	(16 school days)
	xx	xx	31					
JUNE	xx	6	7	8	9	10	xx	June 23—Schools close
	xx	13	14	15	16	17	xx	(17 school days)
	xx	20	21	22	23			



MINNECHAUG HIGH SCHOOL

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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### Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District

To the Citizens of Hampden and Wilbraham:

In accordance with Section 4, Chapter 72 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District submits the following 1959 annual report to the citizens of the District.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1959

#### Planning and Construction Budget

Balance January 1, 1959	\$1,242,789.70
Expenditures	1,187,786.05

Balance December 31, 1959	55,003.65
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#### Capital Costs Budget

1959 Assessments to Towns	103,116.00
1959 State Construction Grant	67,271.91

Total Available	170,387.91
Payment of Capital and Interest Charges	170,116.00

To Surplus Revenue	271.91
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#### Operating Budget

1959 Assessments to Towns	129,702.00
Carry over from 1958	40,000.00

Total Available	169,702.00
1959 Expenditures	151,308.88

To Surplus	18,393.12
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## Surplus Revenue Account

Balance January 1, 1959	4,021.58
Receipts, 1959	30,230.02
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	34,251.60
To 1960 Operating Budget	21,441.70
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Balance January 1, 1960	\$12,809.90

1960 FINAL MAINTENANCE  
AND OPERATING BUDGET

No.	Account	1960 Budget
I	General Control	\$ 12,583.00
II	Expense of Instruction	192,959.00
III	Operation of Plant	48,063.00
IV	Maintenance of Plant	3,640.00
V	Auxiliary Agencies	13,653.00
VI	Outlay	.00
VII	Debt Service	166,782.00
VIII	Transportation	29,452.00
IX	Special Charges	20,640.00
X	Temporary Borrowing	4,500.00
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	Total	\$492,272.00

## Division of Assessments

Operating Costs — Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10

Hampden 26.74% Wilbraham 73.26%

Based on 97 Hampden pupils and 272 Wilbraham pupils  
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Capital Costs — Items 6 and 7

Hampden 22.5% Wilbraham 77.5%

Based on Regional Agreement

# Assessment of Revenue

## Capital Costs:

Debt Service Budget	166,782.00
1960 Credits	69,714.54

1960 Construction Grant	67,271.91
Accrued Interest on Loan	1,044.16
Premium on Loan	1,398.47

Balance to Assess Towns	97,067.46
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## Operating Budget:

Operating and Maintenance	325,490.00
1960 Credits	21,441.70

## Interest on Treasury Notes

March 10th	5,577.40
June 9th	2,760.00
September 1st	756.80
November 12th	637.00

Community Use of Building	1,235.50		
Tuition Payments	475.00		
Carryover from 1959 Balance	10,000.00		
Balance to Assess Towns			304,048.30
Cost to Hampden and Wilbraham			
Capital Costs			
Hampden @ 22.5	21,840.18		
Wilbraham @ 77.5		75,227.28	97,067.46
Operating Costs			
Hampden @ 26.74	81,302.52		
Wilbraham @ 73.26		222,745.78	304,048.30
Total Assessment	103,142.70	297,973.06	401,115.76
—Assessments payable in four equal installments not later than the first day of April, June, September, and December.			
Approx. Quarterly Payment			
	Hampden 25,785.67	Wilbraham 74,493.26	
Total Payment	Hampden 103,142.70	Wilbraham 297,973.06	

Persons Employed in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District

Name	Position	Year Appointed	Educational and Professional Training
District Office			
Mrs. Grace Kibbe	District Treasurer	1956	Springfield Business College
Irving H. Agard	Superintendent	1956	B.A., M.Ed., Lafayette, Fitchburg St. Teach. Col.
Kenneth E. Johnson	Asst. Superintendent	1957	B.A., M.A., A.I.C.
Eva M. Ellis	Executive Secretary	1959	Burdett College
Joann LedDuke	Bookkeeper	1959	
Anna B. Tupper	Secretary	1958	
High School Office			
Arthur W. Reynolds	Principal	1958	A.B. M. Ed., Harvard, Boston University
Charles Thompson	Guidance Director	1958	B.S., M.Ed., Spfld. Col., Univ. of N.H.
Silvin Peterson	Secretary	1959	
Virginia White	Secretary	1958	
Teachers			
Donald G. Bamford	Mathematics	1959	B.S., Univ. of Mass.
Richard A. Brown	Sciences	1959	B.A., Bowdoin College
Mary-Lou Burgess	Home Economics	1959	B.S., Univ. of Mass.
Charles H. Campbell	Industrial Arts	1959	B.S., Fitchburg St. Teach. College
Christine G. Clark	Business Education	1959	Ac.S., B.S., Bay Path, A.I.C.
Robert P. Coe	Social Studies	1959	A.B., M.A., Princeton, Wesleyan
Nancy Lee Cooper	Business Education	1959	B.S., A.I.C.
Clyde Davenport	Social Studies	1959	B.A., M.A., Univ. of Mass. Wesleyan
James DeWolf	Industrial Arts	1959	B.S., Fitchburg St. Teach. College



K. Rita Dreyer	Driver Education	1959	B.S., Westfield State Teachers College
Olindo Dragone	Languages	1959	B.A., M.A., Univ. of N.C., Univ. of Naples, Middlebury
Emerson Dunton	Physical Education	1959	B.S., M.Ed., Spfld. College, Rutgers
Peter Gartner	English & Guidance	1959	A.B., Bates College
Dwight D. Killam	Music	1959	B.Mus., M.Music, Syracuse, B.U.
Vivian Little	English	1959	A.B., M.A., Mount Holyoke, Hartford Sem. Found.
Lois R. Megliola	Languages	1959	A.B., Mt. Holyoke College
Harold K. Miller	Mathematics	1959	B.S., Spfld. College
John E. Moore	Industrial Arts	1959	B.S., Gorham St. Teach. College
Lee D. Post	Languages	1959	A.B., Mt. Holyoke College
Geo. H. Robinson, Jr.	Mathematics & Science	1959	B.S. Univ. of Mass.
Laura Saunders	Librarian	1959	B.S., Simmons College
Mary E. Socha	Languages	1959	B.A., Coll. of New Rochelle
Charlotte B. Sornborger	Sciences	1959	B.A., Mt. Holyoke
Richard P. Spencer	English	1959	B.A., Univ. of Mass.
James F. Starkie	Music	1959	B.S., Lowell State College
Barbara M. Storer	Physical Education	1959	B.S., Spfld. College
Joseph B. VanWest	Art	1959	B.S., Tufts. Dip. Sch. of M.S.A.
Helen Walinski	Mathematics	1959	A.B., M.Ed., Our Lady of Elms. Spfld. College
Christa Weinberger	English & Language	1959	B.A., Univ. of Mass.

#### Health

Arthur H. Goodwin	Doctor	1959	M.D., Tufts
Madclene Newsome	Nurse	1959	R.N., Spfld. Hospital

#### Hof Lunch Program

May Jenkins	Manager	1959
Eileen L. Deane	Cook	1959
Leona A. Isham	Cook	1959
Arlene V. Ross	Cook	1959
Ruth G. Scheibler	Cook	1959

#### Custodians

Everett Pickens	Head Custodian	1959
Waller Polanzak		1959
Harold Rogers		1959
Leon Superncau		1959

#### Transportation

Stuart F. Hill	Hampden	1959
George W. Molyka	Wilbraham	1959

Changes in school personnel not shown in the preceding chart are:

Mr. Charles Campbell, Military Leave of Absence, September 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959.

Miss Christine G. Clark, Executive Secretary, resigned August 21, 1959, to accept employment as Department Chairman in the school Business Education Department.

## PUPIL ENROLLMENT BY GRADE

Grade	Hampden	Wilbraham	Total
9	45	98	143
10	29	88	117
11	23	86	109
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Total	97	272	369

With the opening of the Minnechaug High School and the registration of pupils on September 8, 1959, the results of five years of careful planning became an actuality. It is with grateful appreciation that this Committee acknowledges the many individuals who, by their assistance and support, made this building and educational program possible. This school district and the outstanding educational facilities developed here belong to the citizens of Hampden and Wilbraham, and are visible evidence of the efforts being made to improve the education of our future citizens.

Throughout the late winter, spring, and summer, the recruitment of staff, ordering of equipment, supplies, and textbooks, and the completion of the building, were the primary concerns of the Committee. Following the annual elections in March, the Committee organized with Mr. Francis E. Reese as Chairman. New members, Mrs. Doris C. Bowman, Mr. Donald E. Dickinson, Mr. John R. Lyman, and Mr. Alexander W. Marco, replaced Mrs. Margaret F. Wiggenhauser, Mrs. Eloise M. Wallace, Mr. Marshall E. Roper, and Mrs. Ethel F. Musselman.

Mr. Roper served as Chairman of the Regional District Planning Board, and was Chairman of the Regional District School Committee since its formation in 1956. The Committee has recorded in its minutes a vote of appreciation for Mr. Roper's leadership and service to the District.

Mrs. Margaret F. Wiggenhauser was an original member of the Regional District School Committee and contributed throughout the planning and organization period. Her interest in the academic program, library, and staff recruitment, combined with her ability to discuss and examine objectively each new problem that developed, earned her the respect of all those involved in this work.

Mrs. Ethel F. Musselman and Mrs. Eloise M. Wallace brought to the Committee a clear understanding of operational difficulties, a close co-ordination with the local systems, and made possible the orderly transition of junior high and tuition pupils into the new high school. Their period of double service as members of two school committees, though extremely demanding of time and effort, has accomplished a close working relationship among the several committees.

As the construction of the building was pushed towards completion, the emphasis of Committee concern was focused on providing a stimulating and challenging course of study, equal in long range value to the building being provided.

In close co-ordination with the staff, the academic program was developed and refined. Recognizing that the final evaluation of the school would depend on the success of the pupils, the Committee established a challenging goal of educational achievement. Four years of foreign languages, advanced study in mathematics, science and English, and a required history series, became the basic curriculum. Areas of specialization in industrial arts, home economics, business training, art and music, were added to the basic academic program. Physical education was integrated into the course of study and became a part of each pupil's program. The longer school day and intensive class preparation required by this demanding schedule is justified by the results being obtained.

In April, May, and June, staff members held week-end meetings to develop courses and select textbooks and supplies. All students eligible to enroll in the high school were interviewed by the guidance director and parent conferences were scheduled.

Two weeks before school opened, the full staff was assembled in an organized workshop to complete final arrangements for opening the school. It is the opinion of this committee that the completely organized, almost routine manner, in which the pupils went immediately to their classrooms and began the year's work, was the result of the administrative ability of the principal, Mr. Arthur W. Reynolds, and the fully cooperating efforts of the staff.

At the August meeting, because of a business transfer to Texas, Chairman Francis E. Reese resigned from the Committee. His contributions to the planning and organization of the District and his guidance and leadership as the building was planned, constructed, and staffed, were of great value. First appointed to the Regional District Planning Board, Mr. Reese's ability to develop, interpret, and present factual material played a major part in determining the need for the school and securing the enabling votes. His calm approach to each problem, his willingness to devote his ability and time to insure justifiable costs, and his experience with projects of this size and complexity greatly assisted the Committee and staff. Mr. Robert C. Soderberg was appointed to serve on the committee until the next town election.

Following the resignation of Mr. Reese, Mr. Howard H. MacMullen was unanimously elected Committee Chairman.

On November 14, 1959, the Minnechaug High School was dedicated with Dr. Glenn A. Olds, President of Springfield College, as the main speaker. More than

fifteen hundred citizens of the District visited the school and expressed their satisfaction with the building, and the development of the program. Open house programs and parent nights have enabled every interested citizen to see the school, meet the staff, and observe the work being done.

A major factor in the business operations of the District, the financing of construction, equipping, and the operation of the plant, has been the faithful services of the District Treasurer, Mrs. Grace L. Kibbe. Her knowledge of bonding and borrowing and her extensive experience with municipal financial procedure have enabled the committee successfully to invest uncommitted funds in short term government notes while meeting all obligations on schedule.

The committee commends the untiring efforts of the top administrative team: Irving H. Agard, Superintendent, and Kenneth E. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent. The realization of the hopes and plans of the citizens of Wilbraham and Hampden for a wholesome secondary education for their youth will be culminated through the professional leadership of these men.

The committee also appreciates the conscientious efforts of all the staff members and joins with the citizens of the District in welcoming them to this school.

MR. HOWARD H. MacMULLEN, Chairman

MRS. CHARLES I. BOWMAN

MR. DONALD E. DICKINSON

MR. ERNEST W. FURNANS, JR.

MR. JOHN R. LYMAN

MR. ALEXANDER W. MARCO

MR. ROBERT C. SODERBERG

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