

### AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Cases Active January 1, 1965.....	7
Cases Added During 1965.....	5
Cases Closed During 1965.....	3
Cases Active December 31, 1965.....	9

#### TOWN

Appropriation.....	\$6,000.00
Cancelled Check.....	28.75
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	\$6,028.75
Expenditures.....	\$6,020.00
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1965.....	\$ 8.75

#### FEDERAL

Balance January 1, 1965.....	\$ 2,985.50
Received from Federal Government.....	8,092.50
Cancelled Checks.....	19.50
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	\$11,097.50
Expenditures.....	\$8,368.00
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1965.....	\$ 2,729.50
Cash received from State to (Estimated Receipts).....	\$ 1,933.53

### BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Cases Active January 1, 1965.....	10
Cases Added During 1965.....	3
Cases Closed During 1965.....	3
Cases Active December 31, 1965.....	10

#### TOWN

Appropriation.....	\$4,000.00
Expenditures.....	\$3,997.18
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1965.....	\$ 2.82

#### FEDERAL

Balance January 1, 1965.....	\$ 7,831.82
Received from Federal Government.....	7,012.46
Cancelled Checks.....	65.60
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	\$14,909.88
Expenditures.....	\$7,414.61
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1965.....	\$ 7,495.27
Cash Received from State to (Estimated Receipts).....	\$ 2,431.58

# MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AGED

Cases Active January 1, 1965 . . . . .	4
Cases Added During 1965 . . . . .	4
Cases Closed During 1965 . . . . .	2
Cases Active December 31, 1965 . . . . .	6

## TOWN

Appropriation . . . . .	\$7,000.00
Expenditures . . . . .	\$6,995.22
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1965 . . . . .	\$ 4.78

## FEDERAL

Balance January 1, 1965 . . . . .	\$ 9,588.64
Received from Federal Government . . . . .	5,210.89
Cancelled Checks . . . . .	30.00
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	\$14,829.53
Expenditures . . . . .	\$4,230.81
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1965 . . . . .	\$10,598.72
Cash Received from State to (Estimated Receipts) . . . . .	\$ 2,741.09

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MELVILLE, *Chairman*  
JOHN FLYNN  
WILLIAM PATULLO

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

By: MARY H. CANTWELL, *Director*



## SOUTHEAST HAMPDEN WELFARE DISTRICT

The following is the report of the Southeast Hampden Welfare District, comprising the towns of Monson, Hampden and Wales.

Balance as of January 1, 1965 . . . . .	\$ 1,023.82
Payments from Towns Comprising District:	
Monson . . . . .	\$ 2,600.00
Hampden . . . . .	800.00
Wales . . . . .	800.00
Received from Federal Government . . . . .	11,441.01
Received from State . . . . .	7,357.31
Refund . . . . .	3.48
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	\$24,025.62
Expenditures . . . . .	\$20,247.35
Balance forward to 1966 . . . . .	\$ 3,778.27

### EXPENDITURES

Salaries: Director, Social Worker, Jr. Clerk and Typist . .	\$17,796.25
Salary: District Treasurer . . . . .	100.00
Treasurer Hampden County Retirement . . . . .	937.00
Travel and Conference Expense (Director and Social Worker) . . . . .	625.28
Wm. P. Stone, P.M. (Stamps) . . . . .	100.00
Town of Monson (Rent) . . . . .	180.00
Frederick J. Sullivan, Jr. (Bond) . . . . .	6.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	273.15
Supplies and Forms . . . . .	198.72
Harry Thorin (Clock) . . . . .	10.95
James Collins, Treas. (Adm. Dues) . . . . .	10.00
Mass. Public Welfare Conference . . . . .	10.00
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	\$20,247.35

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. CANTWELL,  
*Director*

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1965 there were six hundred and forty-five permits granted.

These were as follows:

### Building:

New Houses . . . . .	86
Alter Post Office to House . . . . .	1
Snack Bar and Offices . . . . .	1
Garages . . . . .	4
Tool Shed . . . . .	1
Additions to Houses . . . . .	11
Alterations to Houses . . . . .	3
Alterations to Office Building . . . . .	2
Alterations to Town House . . . . .	1
Alterations to Gas Station . . . . .	1
Addition to Apartment House . . . . .	1
Addition to Repair Garage . . . . .	1
Demolish Garage . . . . .	1
Demolish Hen House . . . . .	1

### Electrical:

New Houses . . . . .	101
Gas Station . . . . .	1
New Stores . . . . .	1
Snack Bar . . . . .	1
Apartment House . . . . .	1
Alterations . . . . .	9
New Services . . . . .	21
Water Heaters . . . . .	11
Dryers . . . . .	5
Gas and Oil Burners . . . . .	110

### Plumbing:

New Houses . . . . .	68
Alterations . . . . .	12
Additions . . . . .	8
Septic Tanks . . . . .	77
Gas . . . . .	104

### Inspections:

Building . . . . .	302
Electrical . . . . .	390
Plumbing . . . . .	457

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT,  
*Building Commissioner*

## BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held seven public hearings during 1965.

The request of Ernest Stacy for a Special Permit for a permitted use was granted with restrictions.

The petition of Norman Drapeau for a Variance from the Zoning By-Laws was denied.

The petition of David Munsell for a Variance from the Zoning By-Laws was granted with restrictions.

The request of Donald Safford for a Special Permit for a permitted use was granted with restrictions.

The petition of Berkshire Avenue Realty for a Variance from the Zoning By-Laws was denied.

The petition of Harold Bernard for a Variance from the Zoning By-Laws was granted with restrictions.

The petition of Frank Sulham for a Special Permit for a permitted use was granted with restrictions.

This Board shares with others the tremendous loss of an efficient and dedicated person in the death of Janet Newton who passed away during 1965. We would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. C. Paulk, Mrs. N. Lapine, and especially Mrs. C. Snow, our present clerk for their capable assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DALTON PHILPOTT  
LAWRENCE SULLIVAN  
WALTER LUNDEN  
RICHARD JALBERT  
BERT NIETUPSKI

*Alternates:*

STANLEY WITKOP, JR.  
JOHN OWENS

## **REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING**

I have not been called upon to inspect any meat animals in the town during the year 1965.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. DICKINSON

## **GYPSY MOTH REPORT**

We have completed the search for Gypsy Moth Clusters and found very light infestation.

About 75 clusters were found and destroyed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON,  
*Moth Superintendent*

## **DUTCH ELM COMMITTEE REPORT**

The usual spray of elms for elm bark beetles which spread the Dutch Elm disease were applied in May and June.

Samples were taken in the spring and the 14 trees found to have Dutch Elm disease were cut and burned.

Again in December, 5 trees that had the disease were cut and burned.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON,  
*Moth Superintendent*

## **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to report the following:

Both cemeteries were mowed four times. Lots with perpetual care were mowed as needed.

Portions of the land in Prospect Hill Cemetery were graded and seeded.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER FULLER, *Chairman*  
ERNESTINE JOHNSON  
DANIEL ISHAM

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL SURVEY COMMITTEE

As directed by the affirmative vote at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 8, 1965, a School Survey Committee was appointed by the Moderator consisting of five members, one of which was to be a member of the School Committee and one a member of the Planning Board. This committee held its initial meeting on April 1st to organize for the year. Mr. Joseph Zaher was elected chairman and Mr. Yorke Phillips was elected vice-chairman. Mr. Kenneth Johnson was appointed a member ex-officio and secretary. Mr. Robert Sullivan was present as a member of the School Committee and Mr. Gordon Willcutt from the Planning Board. Enrollment figures were studied and the possibility of a reconsideration of regionalizing grades seven and eight with Wilbraham was discussed. The members felt that an alternate plan should be developed and that a building needs conference should be scheduled with the School Building Assistance Commission in Boston.

On April 29th members of the School Survey Committee met with officials of the School Building Assistance Commission in Boston. It was agreed that a reconsideration of regionalizing grades seven and eight with Wilbraham would be the best possible answer for Hampden. However, the Committee was encouraged to begin tentative planning for a 400 pupil intermediate school for grades four through eight pending a decision by the Town of Wilbraham to reconsider regionalizing grades seven and eight at a special town meeting later in the year.

With the need for a school confirmed by the School Building Assistance Commission, the prime purpose of the Survey Committee had been accomplished. However, the members felt they could contribute to the work of a School Building Committee, not yet in existence, by unofficially investigating possible school sites in the town. The Board of Selectmen was contacted and approved the plan. A meeting was held with Mr. Edward Dayton, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, and information was gathered on available acreage in the Wilbraham Road area.

On Saturday, June 19th, the Committee members walked the Ballard property, owned by the Town of Hampden, consisting of 22 acres with no access from Wilbraham Road. It was their unanimous opinion that this land was too steep and rocky to be considered as a site for a school. The Barry property and the Munsell property on Wilbraham Road were investigated and approved as possible sites for a school. This information was made available to the School Building Committee authorized at the Special Town Meeting held on September 27th, after the Town of Wilbraham had again rejected the proposal to regionalize grades seven and eight.

In closing, the School Survey Committee recommends a continued study of future school needs and the development of a long range building program to include possible sites for schools over the next ten years. The members also concur with the need for a 600 pupil intermediate school, as proposed by the School Building Committee, and urges every citizen to support this project.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$100.00
Expended to December 31, 1965 . . . . .	24.95
Balance December 31, 1965 . . . . .	\$ 75.05

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ZAHER, *Chairman*  
ROBERT SULLIVAN  
YORKE PHILLIPS  
JULIA WINETRUT  
GORDON WILLCUTT

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

## ADDITION TO EXISTING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The School Building Committee held its final meeting on September 21, 1965 and voted to accept the six room addition to the elementary school as complete and authorized final payments to the architectural firm of Alderman and MacNeish and the Petronella Construction Company. The total cost of the project was \$169,246.61 leaving a balance of \$4,053.39 which can be used at a future date to offset the construction costs of a new school. The members of the School Building Committee wish to express their appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Committee, all Town officials and the citizens of Hampden for their support in the successful completion of this project.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1965

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Expended To Date</i>	<i>Closing Balance</i>
School Building Account			
Committee Expense . . . . .	\$ 100.00	\$ 94.80	\$ 5.20
School Building Account			
Planning . . . . .	6,500.00	6,000.00	500.00
School Building Fund			
Construction . . . . .	144,900.00	144,812.00	88.00
Architects' Fees . . . . .	5,600.00	5,086.21	513.79
Equipment . . . . .	10,000.00	10,000.00	.00
Contingency . . . . .	6,200.00	3,253.60	2,946.40
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	\$173,300.00	\$169,246.61	\$4,053.39

Respectfully submitted,

RAY BEANE, *Chairman*  
ANDREW MULCAHY  
LOUIS LEVINE  
FRANCIS BUCKLEY  
LOUIS SICBALDI



## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The year 1965 has been a most challenging experience for the five members of the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools. Preliminary budget studies in the fall of 1964 anticipated a ten to twelve percent increase in pupil enrollment for the coming year. In April of 1965 it was obvious that this prediction would be doubled before the opening of school in September and that additional classrooms and teachers would be needed. The Committee began immediately to study proposals which would solve the need for additional classroom space. The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee was contacted and arrangements were made to rent three available classrooms in the new addition at Minnechaug. After further study, it was decided to use these classrooms to house the sixth grade rather than to disrupt the schedule and academic program in the Junior High School. The Superintendent was authorized to contract for three additional teachers and transportation was arranged to provide the sixth grade pupils with the opportunity to participate in the after school activities at the Junior High School. The Wilbraham School Committee very graciously approved the participation of grade six in the hot lunch program at Mile Tree School as well as the use of the gymnasium for physical education classes on a daily rental basis. The music and art supervisors were scheduled in the sixth grade curriculum and every effort was made to provide the same educational program previously offered in the Hampden Elementary School.

Much credit for the success of this plan is due the sixth grade pupils and their teachers. Within days after classes began in September, a complete and satisfactory adjustment had been made to a new experience and a new environment. The cooperation and understanding of the parents of these children was most gratifying and the School Committee felt assured that the educational needs of the sixth grade pupils were being provided for in their new facilities.

In the elementary school, a helping teacher was employed to relieve a crowded condition in grade two and a split section of grades three and four was established to maintain a reasonable class size in these grades. Most significant is the fact that there were five first grade classes totaling 125 pupils when school opened in September.

At the special town meeting held on September 27th, the School Committee requested additional funds to supplement the emergency measures taken to cope with the unexpected increase in pupil enrollment. This request received unanimous approval and the School Committee is grateful to the voters for their support in providing additional classrooms and teachers to relieve a serious problem of overcrowding in the Hampden schools.

The minutes of the regular School Committee meeting held on February 11th refers to a vote of thanks to Mrs. Julia Winetrout and Mr. Ray Beane for their sincere and faithful service to the Hampden schools and the community. Both chose not to be candidates for re-election to the School Committee after serving several terms of office.

In June the Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Charlotte Goss as teacher and assistant principal of the Junior High School. Mrs. Goss was respected by the students and her contributions to the Hampden schools over the past fourteen years have been outstanding. Mrs. Emilie Steere was elected to fill the vacancy.

During the summer the custodial staff painted six classrooms and the corridors in the Junior High School. With the renovation of the auditorium by the Board of

Selectmen and the bright freshly painted classrooms and corridors, the Junior High School took on a new appearance when school opened in September. Both schools are presently in excellent condition and the Committee wishes to commend the custodial staff for its outstanding maintenance program during the year.

In September a School Building Committee was appointed by the moderator after the proposal to regionalize grades seven and eight had been rejected a second time by the Town of Wilbraham. The School Committee urges every citizen to study the report of the School Building Committee and to support its efforts to construct a 600 pupil intermediate school at the earliest possible date.

The following enrollment projections emphasize the need for additional classroom space and a long range building program for the future.

COMPARISON OF PUPIL ENROLLMENT  
OCTOBER 1, 1964—OCTOBER 1, 1965

Year	<i>Elementary</i>								<i>Junior High</i>			
	<i>Grades</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	SC	<i>Grades</i>	7	8	<i>Total</i>
1965		125	103	96	102	82	77	7		65	76	733
1964		94	90	91	74	67	58			68	49	591
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\* Represents a 24 percent increase in pupil enrollment in one year.

PROJECTION OF FUTURE SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS BASED ON PRE-SCHOOL  
CENSUS OCTOBER 1, 1965 PLUS EXPERIENCE FACTOR OF TEN PUPILS  
ADDED EACH YEAR UNTIL ENTERING GRADE ONE  
(Move-ins of School Age Not Included)

Year	<i>Grades</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<i>Total</i>
1966		101	124	103	96	102	82	77	65	750
1967		133	101	124	103	96	102	82	77	818
1968		127	133	101	124	103	96	102	82	868
1969		128	127	133	101	124	103	96	102	914
1970		139	128	127	133	101	124	103	96	951

PROJECTION OF HAMPDEN STUDENTS ATTENDING MINNECHAUG HIGH SCHOOL  
BASED ON ACTUAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1965  
(Move-ins Not Included)

Year	<i>Grades</i>	9	10	11	12	<i>Total</i>
1966		76	52	34	42	204
1967		65	76	52	34	227
1968		77	65	76	52	270
1969		82	77	65	76	300
1970		102	82	77	65	326

PROJECTION OF TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT  
GRADES ONE—TWELVE

<i>Year</i> . . . . .	<i>1966</i>	<i>1967</i>	<i>1968</i>	<i>1969</i>	<i>1970</i>
Pupils . . . . .	954	1045	1138	1214	1277

When school opens in September 1966 at least three additional classrooms will be needed. Funds have been included in the operating budget to provide additional teachers and the School Committee is investigating the possibility of renting existing facilities in town for temporary classrooms. Every effort will be made to avoid double sessions. It is hoped that some classrooms in the new proposed intermediate school will be ready for occupancy by September of 1967.

The professional and supporting staff of the Hampden schools continues to increase in proportion to the school enrollment. There are presently twenty-eight full time teachers, three part time teachers, six part time supervisors and three pupil service specialists on the staff. Their sincere and dedicated service to the Hampden schools is deeply appreciated by the School Committee. Also commended for their loyalty and service to the Hampden schools are the custodians, hot lunch workers and office staff. The administrative and health personnel continue to contribute much to the success of the school program. The rapport which exists between the school administration, school staff and School Committee is excellent and essential if the Hampden schools are to continue to provide a good education for the boys and girls of our town.

In conclusion, the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools wish to acknowledge the cooperation and support of the various town departments, town officials and townspeople during the past year. The action of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee and the Wilbraham School Committee in making their facilities available to the Hampden schools deserves special commendation. The education of children should be the concern of all citizens, free from political interference and dedicated to the premise, that all men are entitled to equal treatment regardless of race, color or religious belief.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

HILLIARD CLARKSON, *Chairman*

JEANNETTE GREEN

ROBERT SULLIVAN

EDWIN LOMBARD

DEWITT ACKERMAN

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

KENNETH E. JOHNSON

# 1965 FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET COMPARISONS

<i>Account</i>	<i>1965 Budget</i>	<i>Additional Appropriation</i>	<i>Total Appropriation</i>	<i>1965 Expenditures</i>	<i>1965 Balances</i>	<i>1966 Budget</i>
#1000 ADMINISTRATION						
1100 School Committee.....	\$ 230.00	\$	\$ 230.00	\$ 220.84	+ \$ 9.16	\$ 370.00
1200 Superintendent's Office						
Superintendent's Salary.....	8,900.00		8,900.00	8,900.00	.00	10,000.00
Secretarial Salaries.....	3,444.00		3,444.00	3,444.00	.00	3,640.00
Contracted Services.....	550.00		550.00	545.32	+ 4.68	560.00
Supplies.....	350.00		350.00	260.95	+ 89.05	350.00
Other expenses.....	220.00		220.00	199.09	+ 20.91	220.00
#2000 INSTRUCTION						
2100 Supervision.....	200.00		200.00	16.75	+ 183.25	200.00
2200 Principals						
Salaries.....	7,860.00		7,860.00	7,709.52	+ 150.48	8,300.00
Secretarial Salaries.....	1,476.00	500.00	1,976.00	2,432.76	- 456.76	4,264.00
Supplies.....	150.00		150.00	38.23	+ 111.77	150.00
2300 Teaching						
Salaries.....	158,144.00	6,000.00	164,144.00	160,569.92	+ 3,574.08	208,213.00
Supplies.....	5,150.00	900.00	6,050.00	7,087.73	- 1,037.73	8,250.00
2400 Textbooks.....	2,200.00	800.00	3,000.00	3,729.71	- 729.71	3,190.00
2500 Library Services						
Salaries.....	.00		.00	36.40	- 36.40	250.00
Supplies.....	200.00		200.00	246.45	- 46.45	200.00
2600 Audio Visual Program.....	50.00		50.00	70.10	- 20.10	50.00
2700 Guidance Services						
Salaries.....	400.00		400.00	240.00	+ 160.00	400.00
Supplies.....	50.00		50.00	.00	+ 50.00	50.00

<i>Account</i>	<i>1965 Budget</i>	<i>Additional Appropriation</i>	<i>Total Appropriation</i>	<i>1965 Expenditures</i>	<i>1965 Balances</i>	<i>1966 Budget</i>
<i>2800 Psychological Services</i>						
Salaries.....	200.00		200.00	200.00	.00	600.00
Supplies.....	25.00		25.00	11.31	+ 13.69	25.00
Secretarial Services.....	200.00		200.00	.00	+ 200.00	.00
<i>#3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES</i>						
<i>3100 Attendance</i>						
Salaries (S.A.C.).....	2,032.00		2,032.00	1,560.94	+ 471.06	2,200.00
Secretarial Services.....	400.00		400.00	.00	+ 400.00	100.00
Supervisor of Attendance.....	25.00		25.00	25.00	.00	25.00
Other expenses.....	100.00		100.00	32.71	+ 67.29	100.00
<i>3200 Health Services</i>						
Salaries.....	2,428.00		2,428.00	2,317.50	+ 110.50	2,654.00
Supplies.....	150.00		150.00	111.32	+ 38.68	150.00
Other expenses.....	50.00		50.00	39.52	+ 10.48	50.00
<i>3300 Pupil Transportation</i>						
Contract.....	15,620.00	691.00	16,311.00	16,436.00	- 125.00	20,760.00
Special Education.....	1,080.00		1,080.00	1,093.36	- 13.36	1,080.00
Field Trips.....	500.00		500.00	74.75	+ 425.25	500.00
<i>3500 Student Body Activities</i>						
Athletic Referees.....	125.00		125.00	101.50	+ 23.50	125.00
Athletic Transportation.....	200.00		200.00	258.75	- 58.75	200.00
Athletic Supplies.....	200.00		200.00	376.51	- 176.51	200.00
<i>#4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</i>						
<i>4100 Operation</i>						
Custodial Salaries.....	12,088.00		12,088.00	12,735.55	- 647.55	12,576.00
Supplies.....	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,443.42	+ 356.58	1,600.00
Fuel.....	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,116.21	+ 883.79	4,800.00
Utilities.....	3,700.00		3,700.00	3,917.25	- 217.25	4,000.00

<i>Account</i>	<i>1965 Budget</i>	<i>Additional Appropriation</i>	<i>Total Appropriation</i>	<i>1965 Expenditures</i>	<i>1965 Balances</i>	<i>1966 Budget</i>
4200 Maintenance						
Grounds.....	80.00		80.00	121.00	- 41.00	100.00
Salaries—Building.....	1,010.00		1,010.00	1,014.40	- 4.40	1,034.00
Contracted Services.....	1,850.00		1,850.00	1,307.92	+ 542.08	1,850.00
Supplies.....	700.00		700.00	662.48	+ 37.52	400.00
Equipment.....	200.00		200.00	238.89	- 38.89	250.00
Replacement of Equipment....	100.00		100.00	68.83	+ 31.17	100.00
#5000 FIXED ASSETS						
5300 Rental of classrooms.....	.00	245.00	245.00	244.08	+ .92	1,311.00
#6000 COMMUNITY SERVICES						
6200 Community Program						
Salaries.....	1,000.00		1,000.00	884.81	+ 115.19	800.00
Supplies.....	800.00		800.00	800.00	.00	600.00
#7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS						
7300 Equipment.....	700.00		700.00	450.64	+ 249.36	2,135.00
Public Law #864.....	300.00		300.00	306.51	- 6.51	200.00
#9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS						
9100 Tuition						
Special Education.....	320.00		320.00	308.34	+ 11.66	350.00
Vocational.....	6,300.00		6,300.00	5,299.00	+ 1,001.00	2,800.00
Adult Evening.....	600.00		600.00	876.75	- 276.75	700.00
TOTALS.....	\$249,457.00	\$9,136.00	\$258,593.00	\$253,183.02	+\$5,409.98	\$313,032.00

REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FOR SUPPORT  
OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

<i>Account</i>	<i>1965 Receipts</i>	<i>1966 Estimated</i>
#01010—State School Fund . . . . .	\$ 41,003.07	\$ 40,488.00
Regional School District, Sec. 3B . . . . .	6,149.46	6,073.00
#01220—Salary of Superintendent . . . . .	3,333.33	
#01230—Public School Transportation . . . . .	10,927.00	17,000.00
#01240—State Wards—Tuition . . . . .		374.00
#01260—State-aided Vocational Education		
Tuition . . . . .	3,730.04	3,500.00
Transportation . . . . .	225.07	150.00
#01293—Special Education		
Tuition . . . . .	146.25	175.00
Psychological Services . . . . .	75.00	75.00
Transportation . . . . .	506.88	500.00
Special Class . . . . .		3,200.00
#01296—School Adjustment Counsellor . . . . .	900.00	900.00
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	\$ 66,996.10	\$ 72,435.00
Local Appropriation for schools, grades 1-8 . . . . .	258,593.00	313,032.00
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Estimated Cost of Education from Local Taxation . . . . .	\$191,596.90	\$240,597.00

LOCAL RECEIPTS

#01150—Jr. High Industrial Arts Receipts . . . . .	\$ 33.00
#01140—Rent of School Facilities . . . . .	511.50
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Total Local Receipts . . . . .	\$ 544.50

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The School Physician completed the following examinations during the year assisted by the School Nurse.

School Personnel . . . . .	36
Pupils, grades 1, 3, 5, 7 . . . . .	236
Heart and lungs checked for competitive sports and physical education in grades 6, 7, 8 . . . . .	224

There were 10 children referred to their parents for possible defects. A total of 112 children were checked by their family physicians, a practice heartily endorsed by Dr. Keroack. Seventeen children were vaccinated at the pre-school clinic on May 18th.

The School Nurse completed 636 vision tests with 44 notices sent home, and 636 hearing tests with 8 notices sent home.

The School Dentist made two visits, one in June and one in December, at which time he checked the teeth of all school children. Referrals to family dentists numbered 168. The dental needs of the children have improved over the past two years. This is a credit to the parents of Hampden's school children for their active interest.

The School Physician feels that the physical condition of the children in town remains generally good. He also reminds all parents that personal hygiene and cleanliness have a direct bearing on good health.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the teachers for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN KEROACK, M.D.  
DOUGLAS BRYANS, D.M.D.  
LILLIAN HAYNES, R.N.





## PERSONNEL—HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—1965

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Year Appointed</i>
<i>Administration:</i>		
KENNETH E. JOHNSON B.A., M.A. American International College C.A.G.S. University of Connecticut	Superintendent	1957
HELEN ENSLIN Hyannis State College	Supervising Principal	1939
EMILIE STEERE B.S. Westfield State College	Asst. Prin., Jr. High English, French	1951
DOROTHY ROY	Executive Secretary	1955
JOANNE LAFAYE	Clerk-Typist	1965
<i>Special Services:</i>		
MARGARET KIELY B.A. American International College M. Ed. Springfield College	School Adjustment Counsellor	1959
MERILIS SCOTT B.S., Fitchburg State College M.S., Springfield College	School Psychologist	1961
MARILYN TILTON B.A., Earlham College M.A., Bowling Green State University	Speech Therapist	1965
<i>Teaching Staff:</i>		
AMELIA ALLISON B.A. Mus., Barnard College	Jr. High Vocal Music	1965
CHARLES BEELER M. Mus., Hartt College	Instrumental Music	1964
ANNA BROWN B.A., Northern Michigan College	Grade 1	1965
MIRIAM BRYANS Bridgewater State College	Grade 1	1952
PHILIP BUDDINGTON B.S., American International College	Elementary Music	1957
PHILLIS CAMELIO B.S. Ed., Salem State College	Grade 2	1965
HELEN COLLING B.S., Framingham State College	Grade 3	1951

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Year Appointed</i>
VIVIAN COTTON B.E., Westfield State College	English	1953
AUDREY DABAGIAN B.S., Douglass College	Physical Education	1964
HELEN DICKINSON B.S.E., North Adams State College	Grade 4	1957
ELEANOR DRUMMOND Lowell State College	Grade 1	1953
NOLA EARL B.A., University of Massachusetts	Grade 2	1965
ROGER FARRELL B.S. Ed., Westfield State College	Social Studies	1965
DORRIT FINN Posse Normal School	Grade 2	1957
CHRISTOPHER GALLAGHER B.S. Ed., Westfield State College	English, Social Studies	1965
CATHERINE GARVEY Bridgewater State College	Grade 5	1954
HELEN GEARY B.S. Ed., Westfield State College	Grade 1	1965
SANDRA GINLEY B.A., College of Our Lady of the Elms	Grade 2	1965
MARY GREEN B.S., Danbury State College M.A., American International College	Grade 6	1962
LEO GUIMOND B.S., Springfield College	Science	1961
ANN HARRIS B.A., Western Reserve University	Grade 1	1964
HELEN LARSON B.S., Boston University	Grade 4	1957
VIRGINIA MIDYETTE B.A., Smith College	Art	1952
CAROL MACRONE B.A., University of Massachusetts	Grade 4	1965
LENA MORIARTY B.S., Westfield State College	Grade 5	1953

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Year Appointed</i>
JAYNE NEUMANN B.A., Lake Erie College	Grade 3	1958
BERNARD PELLISSIER B.S. Ed., M. Ed., Westfield State College	Grade 6	1963
ANITA ROAN B.S. Ed., American International College	Special Class	1963
BARBARA SHEA B.S. Ed., Westfield State College	Grade 6	1965
DONALD SHORT B.A., M.M., Boston University	Instrumental Music	1962
CAROLYN SIANO B.S., North Adams State College	Grade 5	1961
ROBERT SINGYKE B.S., Springfield College	Math., Physical Ed.	1961
PATRICIA TIERNAN B.S., American International College	Grade 3	1964
CONSTANCE TRELA B.S., University of Massachusetts M. Ed., Springfield College	Home Economics	1962
CONSTANCE WHITE B.A., University of Massachusetts	Grades 3 and 4	1965
<i>Health:</i>		
LILLIAN HAYNES, R.N.	Nurse	
ALVIN KEROACK, M.D.	Doctor	
DOUGLAS BRYANS, D.M.D.	Dentist	
<i>Custodians:</i>		
CLARKE E. WARREN	Head Custodian	
CHARLES FAIRBANKS	Junior High	
WILLIAM O'BRIEN	Elementary	
<i>Hot Lunch Program:</i>		
ALMA TEMPLE	Manager	
RACHEL DICKINSON	Cook	
YOLANDA ESPOSITO	Cook	
BEATRICE OFFICER	Cook	
<i>Transportation:</i>		
PALMER MOTOR COACH, INC.	Contractor	

## SCHOOL CALENDAR—1965-1966

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
SEPT. 1965				8	9	10	11	Sept. 9	Schools open
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		(17 school days)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
	26	27	28	29	30				
OCT.						1	2	Oct. 12	Columbus Day
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	15	H.C. Teachers Convention
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		(19 school days)
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
	31								
NOV.		1	2	3	4	5	6	Nov. 11	Veterans' Day
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	24	Schools close at Noon for Thanksgiving Recess
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		(19 school days)
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
	28	29	30						
DEC.				1	2	3	4	Dec. 23	Schools close for Christmas Vacation
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		(17 school days)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
	26	27	28	29	30	31			
JAN. 1966							1	Jan. 3	Schools reopen
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		(21 school days)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
	30	31							
FEB.			1	2	3	4	5	Feb. 18	Schools close for Midwinter Vacation
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		(15 school days)
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
	27	28							
MAR.			1	2	3	4	5		
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		(23 school days)
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
	27	28	29	30	31				
APR.						1	2	Apr. 8	Schools close for Spring Vacation
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	19	Patriots' Day
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		(18 school days)
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
MAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	May 30	Memorial Day Celebration
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		(21 school days)
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
	29	30	31						
JUNE				1	2	3	4	June 17	Schools close for Summer Vacation
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		(13 school days)
	12	13	14	15	16	17			(Total days 183)

*Cancelled figures (00) indicate no school.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

As directed by an affirmative vote at the Special Town Meeting of September 27, 1965, a School Building Committee was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of five members, one of whom was to be a member of the School Committee and one a member of the Planning Board. This committee held its initial meeting on October 14 to organize. Carl Libby was elected chairman and Yorke Phillips was elected vice-chairman. Kenneth Johnson was appointed a member ex-officio and secretary. Ed Lombard was present as the member from the School Committee and Frederick Maher, Jr. from the Planning Board. Frederic Warman completed the membership of the committee.

The objectives of this committee are to act on recommendations of the School Committee and the 1964 School Survey Committee to provide additional school building facilities. Due to the rapid growth of our school population, the following accelerated timetable has been developed.

Selection and approval of architects, approval of education specifications, selection of a suitable site, approval of preliminary plans, approval of working drawings followed by construction and occupancy as soon as possible.

*Facilities:* The Hampden Elementary School population growth trends indicate an intermediate school comprising Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 would be the most efficient facility for Hampden's current and future school needs. This concept was proposed by the School Committee and at a "Building Needs" conference was approved by the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission (SBAC). The capacity was approved at an initial level of 600 pupils with core facilities (gym, cafeteria, utilities) for expansion to 1,000 pupils. Based upon "educational specifications" developed by the Hampden School Committee and approved by the SBAC, the new school will contain science and language laboratories, shop, music and art facilities, home economics, drafting and remedial reading rooms, a gymnasium, a combination cafeteria and auditorium, as well as non-specialized classrooms and administration offices.

*Site:* After a review of the Town's school population density, it appeared that the most logical location for a new school would be in the vicinity of the Allen Street-Wilbraham Road-East Longmeadow Road intersection. However, the concept of an educational campus or center located in the vicinity of the existing Elementary School site was also considered. Vacant level land at the location of the Elementary School is unavailable. The sloping land that is vacant was reviewed and found to be undesirable for playing fields, parking lots and bus access; and the expense of leveling the land was deemed excessive. Therefore attention was shifted to the available vacant land along Wilbraham Road. The land owned by the Town in this vicinity (approximately 20 acres) located about 1,000 feet east of Wilbraham Road was found to be severely sloping and without direct access to a paved road. Due to these factors, this tract was eliminated from further consideration.

Two level sites which had direct access to Wilbraham Road were then considered—the Barry property of about 16 acres, which was available for sale and had been recommended as a school site by the 1964 School Survey Committee—and a portion of the Munsell property which contained about 20 acres. Both sites were evaluated by the State Department of Public Health and the School Building Assistance Commission and found to be acceptable. After careful study, this committee recommended the purchase of the Barry property and a portion of the Faye Realty property (approximately six acres, bordering the Barry property on the west) which will give a total land area of about 22 acres and which would be sufficient for the contemplated future expansion.

*Architects:* Architects were selected after careful consideration. Alderman and MacNeish were our final choice for the following reasons:

They have a large enough staff to produce within the timetable we wish to meet.

They are thoroughly familiar with SBAC and other State regulations.

Their firm combines architects and engineers for speed and efficiency.

They have had well recognized success with the design and erection of many schools in the area, including our Elementary and addition as well as Minnechaug Regional High School and its addition.

Their West Springfield location makes them readily accessible to the Committee and to the job site.

As it became available, data was presented to the Selectmen so that Special Town Meetings could be set up. They were required so that desirable and necessary financial and regular business of the school building project could be considered by the townspeople. The speedy completion of each step is the only way we can possibly make the timetable we have established.

The architects have completed their initial investigation and schematic work and are now well into the preliminary plans and outline specifications. These will be presented for consideration at a Special Town Meeting sometime this Spring.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Voted at Special Town Meeting . . . . .	\$1,500.00
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#### Spent:

Petty Cash . . . . .	\$100.00	
Clerk . . . . .	44.50	
Land appraisal . . . . .	50.00	
Percolation tests . . . . .	72.00	
Maps . . . . .	2.50	
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Balance, January 19, 1966 . . . . .	\$1,231.00
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Petty Cash . . . . .	\$ 100.00
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#### Travel to SBAC:

Meals . . . . .	\$ 23.55	
Mileage, tolls, etc. . . . .	17.40	
Film, developing . . . . .	2.05	
Advertisement . . . . .	9.00	
	<hr/>	52.00

Balance . . . . .	\$ 48.00
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Respectfully submitted,

CARL F. LIBBY, *Chairman*  
 YORKE PHILLIPS, *Vice-Chairman*  
 EDWIN LOMBARD  
 FREDERICK MAHER, JR.  
 FREDERIC WARMAN

## REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

1965 has been a year of challenge, growth, and change. The new Minnechaug 26 teaching station addition was partially in use in early March and became fully available before classes opened in September, successfully meeting the time schedule established by the School Committee in the 1961 Town Report when this project was first proposed to the citizens. Two new science rooms, a large group instruction area, the 42 pupil language laboratory, subject matter conference-work rooms, the reading laboratory, a specialized business education instruction area, and folding wall classrooms provide the space and flexibility to meet the continuing growth of pupil enrollment and the special space requirements of a changing educational program. The committee is pleased with the quality of workmanship and adherence to the time schedule by the Ciocca Construction Company and with the accuracy of plans and the excellent supervision provided by the firm of Alderman and MacNeish.

As it has in previous reports, the committee calls attention to the statistical information at the end of the report showing enrollment, expenditures, budget, and persons employed in the District. The large increase in enrollment, 855 as of October 1, 1965 as compared with 760 on the same date a year earlier, is the result of the normal increase in District students and the enrollment of 35 tuition pupils from West Brookfield. The decision to accept tuition pupils with the opening of this addition parallels the decision made in 1959 when pupils from Granby were enrolled at Minnechaug. The addition was planned to accommodate the pupils in the District through 1970, so the enrollment of West Brookfield pupils at a \$650.00 tuition rate covers the additional operating costs incurred by their attendance, and also contributes towards reducing the fixed charges of the plant. Tuition receipts are used to reduce the annual operating assessment to the Towns of Hampden and Wilbraham.

Of major concern to the committee and to the citizens of the District is the academic program and the results achieved by our students.

Members of the 1965 graduating class are now engaged as follows:

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Per Cent</i>
Four year colleges . . . . .	88	49.44
Two year colleges . . . . .	18	10.11
Three year nursing programs . . . . .	6	3.37
Technical and Vocational Schools . . . . .	13	7.30
Employed . . . . .	28	15.73
Military Services . . . . .	11	6.18
Married (Girls) . . . . .	2	1.12
Status Unknown . . . . .	9	5.06
Post Graduates . . . . .	3	1.69
Total . . . . .	178	100.00

Combining the first five graduating Minnechaug classes, we develop the following totals:

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Per Cent</i>
Four year colleges . . . . .	298	46.71
Two year colleges . . . . .	70	10.97
Three year nursing programs . . . . .	19	2.98
Two year nursing programs . . . . .	5	.78
Technical and Vocational Schools . . . . .	46	7.21
Employed . . . . .	106	16.61
Military Service . . . . .	44	6.90
Married (Girls) . . . . .	12	1.88
Status Unknown . . . . .	28	4.39
Sisterhood . . . . .	2	.32
Post Graduates . . . . .	8	1.25
Total . . . . .	638	100.00

Expressed in another form, these five year statistics show 46.7% of the graduates of this high school have been accepted in four-year degree granting colleges and universities, 69% are continuing their education beyond high school, 17% are gainfully employed upon graduation, and 7% entering the military service. It is interesting to note in reviewing the five year record that, despite the increased competition for college acceptance, Minnechaug's current record is commendable.

Of equal importance in evaluating a school's effectiveness in meeting the educational needs of all the pupils is a review of the drop-out or failure-to-graduate records. For the 1963-1964 school year, 19 pupils or 2.5% of the pupils enrolled left Minnechaug before graduation. In the 1964-1965 school year, 19 students or 2.1% of the pupils enrolled dropped out. These figures compare with a state average of 3.62 to 4.60 for the latest three years when statistics were published. All of the above listed statistics must be considered as less than absolute in that a number of pupils who entered military service upon graduation from Minnechaug are now enrolled in colleges and universities, and several of the recorded drop-outs have returned to school.

A sound method of determining the efficiency of a school operation is to examine the per-pupil cost figures, and to compare them with other schools offering comparable programs. The 1965 rate for Minnechaug High School, as established by the Department of Education, is \$625.00 based on actual per-pupil expenditures for the 1963-1964 school year. Based on 1964-1965 school year expenditures, Minnechaug's 1966 state established rate will be \$638.47 per pupil—a reduction cost resulting from the increased ratio of pupils to staff.

In addition to accepting West Brookfield tuition pupils as a means of efficiently utilizing the Minnechaug addition facilities, the District Committee has made classrooms available on a rental basis for the Hampden and the Wilbraham School Committees to assist in relieving their over-crowded conditions. Because the citizens of the two towns own and financially support Minnechaug High School, and because all rentals and income are used solely to reduce the annual financial



assessment to the two towns on a per-pupil-enrolled basis, a rental of \$203.40 per room per year was established. This fee will provide for the out-of-pocket cost to the District for opening a classroom to be used and staffed by the local school systems.

Minnechaug's 1965 athletic teams were a credit to the school and to the community. The steady improvement in performance has been gratifying to observe. The school committee is firm in its belief that interscholastic athletic programs are an important part of the total school effort, and as such provide excellent learning situations.

In music, art, and in competitive academic events, Minnechaug students have continued to establish standards of quality that are a challenge to surpass.

The year has seen the loss of two men who have made outstanding contributions to the work of the District Committee.

John R. Lyman was first elected to the District Committee in 1959 and served as its chairman from April 1960 until the time of his death in 1965. His sincere interest in the education of the pupils and his calm leadership of the committee were major factors in the steady improvement and organized growth of the District.

Mr. Ernest W. Furnans was elected to the first District School Committee in 1947 and served as a member and as legal advisor to the committee through the preparation of the legal agreement and until he retired in 1960. His careful approach to each new question, his insistence on a legal review of each decision, and his continued efforts to insure a lasting educational effort created a tradition of service and thoroughness. His death in 1965 was a loss to the school district and to the community.

The committee wishes to publicly record its appreciation to the staff for the dedicated enthusiasm with which it has worked with the pupils of our community, to the elected and appointed officials of Hampden and Wilbraham for continued and complete cooperation, and to the citizens of the School District for their support in providing an above average educational opportunity for the children of this community.

MR. ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR., *Chairman*

MR. DUDLEY N. HARTT, JR.

MR. CHESTER L. THORNDIKE, JR.

MR. HARRY J. DABAGIAN

MR. C. LEON ERB

MRS. CHARLES I. BOWMAN

MR. EDWIN N. LOMBARD

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1965

### PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

Balance, January 1, 1965 .....	\$290,096.94
1965 Receipts .....	0.00
Funds Available .....	\$290,096.94
1965 Expenditures .....	266,053.36
Balance, December 31, 1965 .....	\$ 24,043.58

### CAPITAL COST BUDGET

1965 Assessment to Towns . . . . .	\$140,023.89
1965 State Construction Grants . . . . .	110,487.83
Total Available . . . . .	\$250,511.72
1965 Expenditures . . . . .	239,440.00
Balance, December 31, 1965 to Surplus Revenue . . . . .	\$ 10,125.00
To Income 1965 . . . . .	946.72

### OPERATING BUDGET

1965 Assessment to Towns . . . . .	\$529,302.35
1965 Offsetting Credits . . . . .	74,003.65
Total Available . . . . .	\$603,306.00
1965 Expenditures . . . . .	587,447.77
Balance, December 31, 1965 to Surplus Revenue . . . . .	\$ 15,858.23

### INCOME OF 1965

Balance, January 1, 1965 . . . . .	\$ 0.00
1965 Receipts . . . . .	73,304.00
Balance, December 31, 1965 to Surplus Revenue . . . . .	\$ 73,304.00

### SURPLUS REVENUE ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1965 . . . . .	\$ 14,960.97
1965 Receipts . . . . .	99,287.23
Funds Available . . . . .	\$114,248.20
To 1966 Operating Budget Credits . . . . .	94,964.52
To 1966 Capital Budget Credits . . . . .	10,125.00
Balance, January 1, 1966 . . . . .	\$ 9,158.68