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LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



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Little Compton, Rhode Island

Little Compton School Department

School Committee:

Raymond P. Woodruff, Chairman
Caroline W. Wordell, Clerk
Doris E. Simmons
Donald B. Almeida
Albion G. Davis, Jr.

Meetings — Second Tuesday of Month

Superintendent of Schools — Donald N. Gavin

SPT Clerk — Sandra M. Waite

SPT Nurse and Attendance Officer — Millicent A. Clarke

X Physician — Rupert von Trapp, M.D.

X Dentist — Rogers H. Almy, D.M.D.

X Census Enumerator — Caroline W. Wordell

Teaching Staff:

Elementary —

Kindergarten — Karen E. Pitt

Grades —

1—Lois B. Almy, Sarah K. Havener

2—Rena L. Brockwell, Nancy J. Cabral

3—Marie F. Goulart, Jean V. Berube

4—Ruth S. Manchester, Michael D. Barrett

Middle School —

Carolyn A. Payne, Marshall J. Netto, Christine F. Kirchner,
Roger J. Ouellette, Fred V. Love, David A. McKivergan, Dennis

M. Velozo, Kathleen G. Rioux, Joan E. Roth (Vocal Music),

Karla T. Windham (Art), Kathleen C. Cardoza (Home Eco-
nomics), Grace S. McKivergan (Physical Education), Edward

A. Varrecchia (Instrumental Music), Mary V. Pacheco (Typing).

Special Education: part-time — Odie W. Hilton, Jr. (Supervisor),

Patricia B. Billings (Speech and Hearing), Karen E. Cosel

(Psychologist), Elizabeth A. D'Addario (Learning Disabilities),

Patricia A. Holmes Physical Therapist).

Title I: Janice L. Sippen.

SPT Librarian — Katharine K. Sozanski

Teacher Aides — Jean R. Gomez, Anne M. Bouchard

SPT Custodians — Adelbert F. Gifford, Robert B. Barker, William P. Chace

SPT Cafeteria — Muriel Barker, Eleanor Carroll, Rose Lewis, Frances Silva

SPT Busses — John A. Cordeiro, Louis O. Galego, Laura Cornell, Frances
Rego, Maryanna Langlois, Jean Wilson, Valerie C. Turcotte

SPT Special Transportation — Martha Texceira, Catherine Silvia

Total Staff = 49

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of Little Compton:

Three-quarters of a year has passed since the transfer of administration and it is time to review our educational accomplishments. Basically, school regulations and the approach to learning have not changed for students and staff. Parents are welcome to visit school and to confer with teachers.

The complexity of changes in our modern society are real and need continuous study. Open education with its philosophy, structure, and methods of implementation are being studied to allow staff to compare and evaluate traditional education, open education and modifications of each.

The staff is involved in a re-training program which has or will have workshops and clinical experiences with students in the Katherine B. McMahon Middle School. The workshops are in-service training programs under the direction of the Alternate Learning Center, a division of the Rhode Island Department of Education.

During the first semester, twelve staff members participated in a CAM Workshop. This is a system approach to instructional materials design. Student evaluations were made in the affective and cognitive domains and then behavioral objectives were written. Participants then completed projects involving photography, audio recording, graphics and overhead transparencies.

During this semester, there are nineteen teachers participating in another workshop entitled "Determining Instructional Purposes." The workshop is sponsored by the Alternate Learning Center and the materials used were produced by the Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development. Emphasis will be on setting goals, analyzing problems and deriving objectives. In the final stages of the workshop, we will complete the Educational Philosophy for the Katherine B. McMahon Middle School.

Present planning involves another workshop to take place this summer. The materials for this workshop were developed by the University of Wisconsin's Research and Development Center for Cognitive Learning. The workshop is entitled "Individually Guided Education and it is designed to produce higher educational achievements through adequate provision for differences among students in the learning process. Following this workshop, staff will develop materials for a unit which will be taught during the first term of the 1974-75 school year. The Alternate Learning Center, the University of Rhode Island and our staff will work together with this phase of in-service training.

The Title I program last year involved the use of typewriting skills to improve a student's ability in English. This program has been modified and is taught to all seventh and eighth grade students.

A new Title I program entitled "Reading is Basic" is offered to students in the Katherine B. McMahon Middle School. We will receive a total of \$7,519.00 for this new approach to reading. Each of the students participate in an innovative learning activity designed to improve their skills in decoding, comprehending and abstracting from print. Incentive for improving these skills is provided by the opportunity for each student to produce instructional media materials for use in his own classes.

Emphasis on reading continues at the elementary level. The program in reading has been refined and students are grouped according to levels of reading. Students often cross the traditional grade levels in order to be placed in the proper groups for their reading abilities.

Students and staff are very pleased with the new addition. Both are conscious of their responsibilities in this type of environment. All of us thank the townspeople for providing us with the Katherine B. McMahon Middle School. Modification in the learning process will occur, once adequate training, evaluation and recommendations have been completed.

The newly renovated Kindergarten area is an excellent and functional facility. The youngsters and teacher are happy in their new room.

A variety of enrichment programs and trips are offered annually. Some of these are listed below:

Music Programs

The Christmas Programs, the Spring Festival, participation at the Memorial Day exercises. Class Day, performance by the string quartet from the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and attendance at a Philharmonic Concert by the sixth grades.

Science

Audubon Program and Christmas green decorations exhibit sponsored by the Little Compton Garden Club, Science Fair and visits to the Space Science Laboratory.

The Dramatic Club presented the play "The Pied Piper."
Intramurals

Programs are offered for boys and girls throughout the year in the various sports.

Building Committee Report

When the school year opened in September 1973, the Katherine B. McMahon Middle School was completed to enable full utilization by the students and faculty. Some items such as the library equipment, intercom system, cabinets, and water pressure required further attention as the school year progressed. All of these items have been addressed and corrective action has been taken or is in process. The open item remaining at this time is the completion of the installation of cabinet doors.

It is anticipated that before the month of March is ended this item will be completed.

The renovations to the Josephine Wilbur School were also completed in a timely manner to enable full utilization when the school year began. The new kindergarten room is an exciting asset to the elementary school and the air conditioned administrative office which includes a teacher's conference room is certainly more comfortable, attractive and versatile. The remaining item to be completed in the Wilbur School is the installation of carpeting in the administrative office and kindergarten room. This task must await the approval of the financial town meeting in April to obtain necessary funding.

An item that has been a thorny problem in the present facility is the 4" plastic pipe leading to the sewage treatment plant. A continual penetration of gravel into an otherwise fault free system must be corrected.

It is quite likely that the existing plastic pipe will have to be replaced with cast iron pipe. Funding for this job is being requested at the financial town meeting in April.

Upon completion of the outstanding items mentioned above, the building committee will have fulfilled the task assigned almost two years ago. The members of the Committee have been happy to have served in this capacity and pleased to see the job completed. The cooperation of School Committee and the Superintendent as well as members of the faculty and staff have been excellent.

A financial report will be presented at the financial town meeting in April.

Enrollment

The present 1973-1974 enrollment is compared with that of the four previous years for your study and consideration.

GRADE	1973-1974	1972-1973	1971-1972	1970-1971	1969-1970
Kdgn.	40	54	46	42	55
1	59	56	51	56	54
2	62	55	54	52	47
3	52	57	52	51	51
4	57	59	56	48	48
Total Elem.	<u>270</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>255</u>
5	60	54	53	51	50
6	60	57	53	49	35
7	58	50	49	38	54
8	52	49	38	53	32
Total Middle School	<u>230</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>171</u>
Total at Wilbur	500	491	452	440	426
HIGH SCHOOL					
Portsmouth	88	37	0	0	0
Tiverton	54	88	117	113	104
Newport	16	12	10	7	7
Total High School	<u>158</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>111</u>
Special Education Classes:					
	9	7	9	8	6
COMPLETE TOTALS:					
	667	635	588	568	543

A study of enrollment figures is reflected in the amounts allocated in each category. The expenditures increase as more pupils are educated locally, tuitioned to High Schools, or enrolled in Special Education classes.

Budgetary Requirements

For 1974 - 1975

This part of the report dealing with budgetary requirements covers actual amounts of money spent during the Town year from April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974 and estimates amounts needed to operate school from April 1, 1974 to March 31, 1975.

Money received by the school department this year is listed under revenues and money anticipated from sundry sources for next year is reported as estimated revenue.

Category I — The money requested is less because there is no further need for a transition period for the change in administration.

Category II — The below listed items and facts account for the increase:

1. Increased teacher salaries
 - a. One new teacher.
 - b. The School Committee's continuous efforts to keep teacher salaries equal to the State median.
2. Increased salaries for substitutes.
3. The librarian's position will be full-time.
4. Cost increases for textbooks and supplies.

Category III — The increase in the operation section of the school budget is caused by the following:

1. Increases in custodial salaries and time requirements with the new building and treatment plant.
2. Increased cost for supplies.
3. Large increases in the charges for our energy requirements.
4. The newly established contingency fund for fuel.

Category IV — From the 1973-1974 budget, allocations from this account were used to make payments for the large increases in the cost of heat and light. Therefore, it becomes necessary to include part of this year's repair and maintenance costs in next year's budget. Some sections of the original building need repairs to the roof and the locker room roof will also be repaired. We plan to begin a replacement program for the old wooden windows. This is a longer range program which will eventually reduce our annual heat requirements and increase the longevity of the building.

Category V — The annual cost of social security, pension, and survivor benefits are based upon salaries and as salaries increase, so do these payments. The cost of Blue Cross benefits granted to school personnel has increased.

Category VI — The nurse's service to the school will be double in time and the new schedule will allow for daily coverage.

The oldest bus, which is a 1959, will be replaced this year. Six busses are in operation daily and next year we will use our own bus to transport students to Rogers Vocational School. This bus will also transport Portsmouth students who attend Rogers Vocational School. The payment received for the transportation of these students will lower our total daily cost to vocational school. The same bus, on the return trip, can be scheduled for the late run from Portsmouth High School. This additional run allows each student to participate in extra-curricular activities or remain for extra help.

Busses are inspected by the State annually and no bus without the proper sticker may be used. Our drivers are reliable employees who have met all State license requirements. Additional driver time will be needed and they have been granted an increase in hourly rate.

Our handicapped children are transported by private cars because each student requires special attention. They attend different schools, and their daily starting and finishing times vary.

As shown in the enrollment chart, 158 pupils were tuitioned this year to high schools. Next year this number will increase. Portsmouth and Newport School Departments have notified us of an increase in their tuition fees for each student next year. With an enrollment increase and a raise in tuition fees, the total tuition rate must increase accordingly.

During the past three years, a regionalized special education program has been in operation and paid for under a Title III Federal Grant in the amount of \$171,000.00. This program terminates in June 1974. Little Compton paid for some of this program from the 1973-1974 budget. The program was designed to increase special education services to Little Compton, Middletown, Portsmouth and Tiverton. The school departments of these towns consider this an excellent program and wish to continue with these special education services.

Category VII — The increase in this section is caused by the following:

1. The need to equip a reading room for grades 1 thru 4.
2. Replacement of desk and chair units.
3. Lab equipment is necessary to permit the change from lecture to lab programs in science.
4. A commitment to purchase some equipment annually for each department.
5. The installation of a 2,000 gallon gas tank.
6. The purchase of additional library furniture.

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Actual 1973-1974	Estimated 1974-1975
STATE		
Public School Operations	\$136,873.00	\$153,000.00
Chapter 160—Handicapped	1,553.08	3,290.00
FEDERAL		
N.D.E.A. — Title III	422.20	1,380.00
TOWN		
Other Revenues	722.36	150.00
Balance	2,517.63	00.00
Town Appropriation	418,089.00	551,001.00
Complete Total	\$560,177.27	\$708,821.00

EXPENDITURES

I. General Control

1. School Committee Clerk	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2. School Committee Salary	500.00	500.00
3. Superintendent	21,004.44	17,990.00
4. Clerical Assistant	5,831.03	6,360.00
5. Attendance Officers	120.00	150.00
6. School Census	200.00	200.00
7. Travel and Conference	993.93	1,000.00
8. Other Expenses		
a. General	946.99	1,000.00
b. R. I. Ass'n. School Committees	400.00	400.00
Total	\$ 30,096.39	\$ 27,700.00

II. Instruction

1. Salaries (Includes substitutes, home teaching, and teachers of the handicapped)	\$216,138.56	\$257,397.00
2. Librarian	5,441.70	9,889.00
3. Teacher Aides	3,848.77	4,705.00
4. Audio Visual Aids	1,283.21	1,300.00
5. Textbooks	4,021.80	4,595.00
6. Reference Books and Periodicals	300.00	400.00
7. Supplies	4,220.53	4,500.00
8. Gym Supplies & Operational Exp.	192.69	400.00
9. Shop Supplies	355.33	600.00
10. Home Economics Supplies	159.26	400.00
11. Band Expenses	199.54	200.00
12. Special Education Expenses	190.57	300.00
13. Other Expenses		
a. General	475.63	700.00
b. Space Science Lab. Program	800.00	800.00
c. Supplemental Fund for Supplies ..	490.00	525.00
Total	\$238,117.59	\$286,711.00

	Actual 1973-1974	Estimated 1974-1975
III. Operation		
1. Custodial Salaries	\$ 15,129.83	\$ 18,783.00
2. Fuel	6,124.44	12,894.00
3. Gas	370.98	495.00
4. Light and Power	10,272.64	13,200.00
5. Telephone	997.03	1,000.00
6. Custodial Supplies	1,472.09	2,000.00
7. Fuel Contingency Fund	00.00	3,000.00
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Total	\$ 34,367.01	\$ 51,372.00
IV. Maintenance		
1. Upkeep of Grounds		
a. School Dept. & Ball Field	\$ 810.00	\$ 2,300.00
2. Repair of Building	3,054.69	8,972.00
3. Repair and Replacement of:		
a. Mechanical Equipment	00.00	750.00
b. Educational Equipment	236.98	1,309.00
c. Furniture and Fixtures	113.18	953.00
4. Maintenance of Plant—Treatment	589.87	300.00
5. Other Expenses	88.78	100.00
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Total	\$ 4,893.50	\$ 14,684.00
V. Fixed Charges		
1. Insurance	\$ 8,463.15	\$ 8,927.00
2. Social Security	2,830.68	3,100.00
3. Pension	10,905.18	11,250.00
4. Survivor Benefits	1,748.91	2,000.00
5. Blue Cross	8,282.60	11,445.00
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Total	\$ 32,230.52	\$ 36,722.00
VI. Auxiliary Agencies		
1. Medical Inspection	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
2. School Nurse	1,765.68	3,670.00
3. Dental Surveys	200.00	200.00
4. Medical Expenses	50.38	100.00
5. Transportation Expenses	13,223.04	16,290.00
a. Purchase of New Bus	00.00	9,552.00
6. Transportation Bus Salaries	15,011.16	19,417.00
7. Transportation Car Service:		
a. Handicapped	5,126.00	6,840.00
b. Vocational	6,395.00	00.00
8. Garaging Busses	840.00	840.00
9. Tuition:		
a. Special Services (Handicapped)	11,464.14	14,600.00
b. Tiverton High	62,067.76	41,860.00
c. Vocational	10,555.31	17,129.00
d. Portsmouth High	81,368.70	130,270.00
10. Regionalization—Special Ed.	3,173.09	14,550.00
11. Cafeteria Service & Supplies	1,067.70	1,200.00
12. Other Expenses	24.54	50.00
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Total	\$213,132.50	\$277,368.00

	Actual 1973-1974	Estimated 1974-1975
VII. Capital Outlays		
1. School Library Books	\$ 1,163.44	\$ 1,200.00
2. Lab Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	4,989.17	5,084.00
3. Mechanical Equipment	1,075.20	1,590.00
4. Audio Visual	00.00	3,481.00
5. Cafeteria Equipment	111.95	350.00
6. Library Furniture	00.00	2,509.00
7. Other Expenses	00.00	50.00
Total	\$ 7,339.76	\$ 14,264.00
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 \$560,177.27	 \$708,821.00



I wish to thank the members of the school committee, the school staff, and the townspeople for their cooperation during my first year as superintendent.

I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to the former superintendent, Miss Katherine B. McMahon, for her able assistance during the transfer of administration.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD N. GAVIN
Superintendent of Schools