

BITS AND PIECES FROM BRENTWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECORDED MINUTES
FROM 1853 - 1960

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1853

May 28th

At a meeting held at Thompson Station the Superintendent of Common Schools for the Town of Islip met with local leaders regarding the forming of a school district.

Mr. F. M. A. Wicks was chosen as the Chairman. G. H. W. Toohey as the Clerk (later James D. Blacker). The Trustees were F. M. A. Mills, B. F. Bowles and G. S. McWalters.

June 7th

Mr. Bowles declined the honor of Trustee. Mr. O. Johnson was chosen. At The meeting F. M. A. Wicks was named as "Collector".

June 14th

Meeting held at Thompson Station.

1856

February 19th

William Nicoll, Town Superintendent of Common Schools, allows a school district to be formed effective May 1st, 1856.

The first Board members are F. M. A. Wicks, J. M. Swain and J. B. Crewell.

The site was donated to the District by Christopher Wray and his wife, Joseph Agate and Charles A. Codman. After the land was transferred they received \$1 which they donated back.

The school building was rented to the public at .20 per day and .25 per evening. The tuition for non-residents was \$3 for primary students and \$5 for advanced scholars. The Farmers Club met at the school house on Saturday evenings and on Sunday afternoon there were services by the Congregational Church.

1862

December 4th

Special Meeting regarding taking action in paying the mortgage on the school house and debts

Tax levied on the taxpayers raised \$400 to pay for the bond, mortgage and contingent expenses.

1865

January 17th

Adopted that the inhabitants of the School District would be known as a Union Free School District.

William H. Clark hired as a teacher.

1868

The Bible is recognized in every intelligent community as the word of God and the foundation of all religions. Bible reading each morning without note and children whose parents or guardians object may be excused. This resolution was voted on and rejected by a decisive vote. No one being in the affirmative.

Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast and as a knowledge of it to refine the mind and soften temper and affections we recommend that it be introduced in our schools. This resolution was carried unanimously.

1870

There are 60 children in the District. The assessed value of property is \$48,570.

1872

The meetings are held at the home of Mr. Gibson and the Mr. P. J. Blacker's shop.

August 5th

Henry Roberts is hired to paint the outside of the School House including windows, sashes, shutters, sills, gutters, the cupola and two privies with two coats on the old paint and three coats on the new fronts. Materials and labor amount to \$55 and the work must be completed by September 15th.

August 15th

Lucinda Jones is hired to teach at the rate of \$55.55 per month for a ten month year.

Five cords of wood are ordered.

1874

May 29th

Lucinda Jones is retained at the same salary for the school year October 1st, 1874-September 30th, 1875.

October 13th

The report to the Board by the District Clerk said the District is in very satisfactory condition.

Total children over 5 and under 21 is 65 which is an increase of 3. There are 57 in attendance, an increase of four. The school year is 42 weeks and 1 day long.

Legislation of 1874 requires all children between 8 and 14 to attend 14 weeks of school in each year, 8 weeks of which must be consecutive.

The tax levy is \$600.

1875

February 23rd

Schools are closed until March 8th because of an epidemic of scarletina.

Expenses and salaries for other than teacher:

Janitor \$35

Wood \$30

Fuel \$5

Books & Stationary \$30

Painting and repairs \$50

Contingents \$20

December 24th at 4 p.m.

The Meeting is held at the shop of Mr. Blacker. The subject is tax grievances.

1876

July

Mrs. Hubbs is employed as teacher with a salary of \$430.

1877

October

The following books are used in school:

McGuffey Readers for grades 4, 5 and 6

Holmes Reader for grade 4

Analytical (Spelling Books) for grades 1-4

Swinton Word Book

Sinton Analytical Arithmetic

Robinson Practical Arithmetic

Felton Primary

Pecks Primary

Clarks Grammar

Greens Grainsmen Geography

Monteitts Comprehensive Geography

Monteitts Primary

Monteitts Other Branches

Davis Elementary Algebra

Wilson's Ancient History

Berard's United States History

Barnes United States History

Spencerian Writing Books

1879

April 28th

The question is raised: If the town collector was able to collect taxes why was the District Collector unable to do so? No answer is recorded.

1880

October 12th

The first mention of women voting in a Board election. The ladies were Mrs. L. Brisbane and Mrs. E. Codman.

1881

The tax rate was .95 but in 1882 it was 1% of value.

1884

June 30th

Mr. Putney is willing to submit to a reduction of his salary if the school hours are reduced from six to five.

August 26th

There is a contested election between Stephen Badgely and Charles A. Codman because of unqualified voters participating. The charge is dismissed.

August 28th

The Meeting was held at the house of H. B. Brown. The President presided and said that a petition was received and signed by several of the legal voters of the School District asking that the proceedings of the Annual Meeting on the 26th of August be set aside by reason of alleged illegal voting. While the matter of the petition is inquired into it was voted to direct the School Treasurer, Charles A. Codman, to pay no further school monies without the order from the Board.

1885

February 26th

Miss Agnes W. Leslie is hired to be a teacher at \$40 per month, 6 hours at day for the period April 1-June 30.

Mr. E. D. Putney resigned effective April 1st.

December 29th, 1885

School Treasurer took exception to the prices being paid but to no avail.

1886

Aggie W. Leslie resigns

Miss L. E. Woodward was hired but could not provide a certificate so the offer was deemed null and void. She was later hired when she provided the needed certificate

July 17th

There were 3 applicants for the teaching position: Libbie Golder, Maggie Stillman and Annie May Green.

July 24th

Contracts were offered and Miss Stillman accepted but Miss Golder declined.

1887

February

Charles A. Codman called attention to the mutilation of the shade trees on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of the school house lot and offered the following resolution: Resolved - that the Board of Education post the following notice on the Bulletin Board "NOTICE: It is known who girdled the shade trees at the southeast corner of the school house lot. It will save him trouble and expenses if he promptly settles for the damage with the Board of Education." This was passed unanimously.

February 1st

Isaac S. Gibson is employed as janitor.

December 26th

Mrs. Hagwood presented the District with a fine hand bell.

1888

May 17th

Mr. Black moved that the school term be extended one month that is from May 31st to June 30th

August 13th

No book other than the arithmetic book is to be taken from the school house.

1890

October 16th

Rent for the school house is raised to .50 with .25 of it going to the janitor.

1891

Arbor Day

There was a special program presented by the children under the direction of Miss Hartt.

May 26th

Miss Hartt is leaving. The Board accepted her resignation with regret.

August 4th

The first mention of Dr. Ross

Miss Golding was employed at the May 26th meeting. She has graduated from the Oswego Normal School.

1892

May 6th

Arbor Day

Miss Golding read a paper explaining the origin of the poem "The Old Oaken Bucket" which had been recited by the children. Dr. W. H. Ross read William M. Briggs' poem "Amid The Grasses". The children planted a tree which they named for Abraham Lincoln.

July 18th

The school house needs a new roof. The following bids were received

W. W. Boland - \$146

G. S. Washburn - 125.90

Robert Kiley - \$110

Charles Freund - 108

G. W. Kellam - \$105 -- the successful bidder

1903

May 26th

Miss Mary C. Hall is employed for the 1904-1905 school year at \$12.50 per week.

1906

July 16th

A special proposition is presented for \$500 to build a new school building.

August 7th

The most largely attended meeting in the history of the District is held to discuss erecting a new school building.

November 19th

The cornerstone of what became the old Administration Building's back rooms is laid.

1908

Both teachers resign, Helen G. Newton and Gertrude Swezy. Catherine E. Suxton (grammar grades) and Anna C. Bedell (primary grades) are hired.

1911

February 22nd

An application from Daniel Squires for re-instatement as a scholar in this school was received by the Board and it was the unanimous opinion of the Board that he be refused admittance on account of his bad habits and character.

September 11th

The Meeting is held in the home of Dr. Ross

Miss Hatch has complained about the conduct of the boys and the Board will visit and lecture the students.

October 24th

Stephen Anderson, student, was viciously attacked by Isaac Squires with a fence picket. The picket was first broken by contact with Anderson's head. Miss Hatch was an eye witness. Squires and a boy named Mayo were uncontrollable. Their action was vicious rather than mischievous.

Miss Hatch asked about striking a child. The Board said it was against the law.

Both students were removed from school.

1914

Miss Studley is a Board Member.

January 15th

New plumbing was installed by John Reegan and inspected by Dr. Ross and Mrs. Stuckley and pronounced perfect. Mr. Reegan at his own expense installed a sanitary drinking fountain in the vestibule of the school house. Total bill for the plumbing was \$290.

The cover of the cesspool had to be replaced at the cost of \$1.

1914-1915

The tax rate is .41 per \$100.

The District consists of:

Individual held property

Brentwood Park

Brentwood Realty Co

Hall Bell Esq

Brentwood In The Pines

Bell & Jennings

Wyndham Park

Atlas Real Estate

New York Suburban Land

Brightwaters Oakdale Park

Bay Shore Farms

Sweeney Dale Park

Brookville Park

Islip Park Place

William Moffitt Realty

The Ross Health Resort, Inc, has 28 acres valued at \$26,800 and taxed for \$109.88.

Sisters of St Joseph has 250 acres assessed at \$7500 and taxed at \$307.50

C. W. Cooper has 1088 acres assessed at \$60,000 and pays \$246 in taxes.

Thomas Holmes as $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre valued at \$450 and pays \$1.84.

The Long Island Railroad has 4 miles of track valued at \$80,800.

Unknown owners 5 acres

New York Telephone has wires, poles and appurtenances valued at \$2830 and taxed at \$11.60

Western Union for the same is valued at \$64 and pays \$2.62

Long Island Lighting has the same and is valued at \$200 and pays .82.

Community names:

C. A. Codman 14 ½ acres

E. Frank Blacker 25 acres

Brentwood Democratic Club leases a house on land owned by Mr. Codman

C. Cleveland 2 acres

G. Dickman 1 acre

H Gibson 10 acres

GC Plunkett 4 acres

Mary Perry 13

Philip Stahley ¼ acre

Mary Studley 2 acres

Dr C. Van Buren 2 acres

Elizabeth Wurz 2 acres

W Wicks 2 acres

Charles Morton - ¼

Mary Conklin 1/16 of an acre and pays .5

Caleb Elliot - 1/8th

Lizzy Wurz - ¼ and 3/16

Catherine Wurz 1/16 and 1/16

Charles Wurz 1/8

C. F. Herrick - 4 parcels of 3/16 of an acre

George Bradley - ¼

Lena Loeffler - 1 acre

Charles M. Thompson - ½

Mabel Freeman - 1 acre

Mr. Heyward

Mr. Floyd

Mr. Ehler

There are many Italian, English and German names on the tax rolls.

1916

March 27th

Miss Baker is mentioned as "principal".

1917

June 27th-July 30th

The Long Island Lighting bill for the school district was \$1.

August 1

Dr. W. H. Ross was charged with the responsibility of investigating the character, integrity, financial ability and honesty of the candidates for Clerk and Treasurer.

August 24th

Miss Booth is employed as physical culture teacher.

September 8th

Motion made and passed to buy a blanket, pillow and two chairs for the teacher's room.

November 15th

The Clerk was instructed to buy two dozen toothbrushes to be given to the poor children of the District.

1918

January 28th

Miss Wheatley asks for 30 days leave because of illness in the family. The leave is granted without pay.

The Principal, Miss Baker, took over her class for an additional salary of \$30.

June 4th

Transportation is provided for Brentwood Students to the exam room in Bay Shore to take the regents. This is the first mention of regent tests.

1926

There is a "Superintendent's Hearing" for the boys who cut down the flag pole and stole \$2.25 from the school house. Since it was their first offense they received a severe lecture.

March 12th

There is a discussion of the transportation of students during bad weather.

1927

September 15th

The teachers are asked not to use the electric lights in excess.

1928

August 11th

Miss E. Bernhardt is hired as secretary at \$75 per year

October 25th

The Physical Education Teacher requests the purchase of a soccer ball or football. The Board wishes some more information as to the way it will be used before purchasing either.

The Secretary was instructed to make a record of the persons having keys to the school.

November 28th

The PTA has been raising money for hot lunches.

1929

February 21st

The custodian/janitor John Holmes was killed at a railroad crossing on January 16th. His brother, Daniel, is at present the acting janitor until the end of the year.

Because of the influenza epidemic schools have been closed from January 15th-February 4th.

August 6th

Old unused school books are to be sent to "poor" districts that cannot afford new books.

August 7th

A tin ceiling is installed in the basement of the school house (old Administration Building).

1930

August 2nd

Edna B. Grey's official pre-printed contract form calls for 40 consecutive work weeks starting on September 2nd at the salary of \$38.50 per week. There is a mandatory 4% contribution to the State Teachers Retirement Fund. It is signed by William H. Baker and Henry Frost, trustees.

1931

May 26th

A bill from Houghton-Mifflin for \$8.92.

July 3rd

Dr. Ross examines children.

Chris Schultz is employed as the truant officer.

Daniel Spence is paid \$20 to take the desks from the railroad car and assemble them.

September 3rd

The District asks permission to use the Community Hall at the Fire Department for classes.

1932

January 27th

Daniel Spence and Herbert Raeth are paid \$15 for trimming dead branches.

May 6th

Mr. Spence asked the question as to whether the building addition is to be used as a temporary housing facility or can it be used indefinitely as a school. There is more talk about the District's need to expand.

May 31st

First mention of Leigh P. Stuart

June 15th

Eleven Brentwood students are going to Bay Shore Schools

August 5th

Herbert Raeth is the District Clerk and Census Taker.

Mrs. Louise Williams is the District Treasurer.

Dr. W. H. Ross is the Medical Supervisor

Daniel Holmes is the janitor

Miss Partikian is the school nurse.

1933

January 12th

New York State has taken 1,260 acres of land for Pilgrim State Hospital. This land is valued at \$2 million and is now OFF the tax rolls.

The clerk wrote to the Honorable John J. Merrill, State Tax Commissioner and Assemblymen Hamilton, Potter and George L. Thompson, as to having the Pilgrim State Hospital assessed for school taxes.

A doctor's note for a student with a heart condition resulted in special transportation for the child.

February 16th

Miss Green has for poor discipline. Miss McKeon is better but has no initiative and lacks discipline. Neither is rehired.

September 28th

The Girl Scouts are permitted to meet on Friday evenings at the school.

October 13th

Dr. Ross removes tonsils at district expense. He also gives vaccinations and antitoxin (diphtheria) treatments to 15 students at St. Anne's. Dr. Malinoff will vaccinate 43 Brentwood students at .50 per and \$1 for the antitoxin.

1934

March 14th

The Board votes **not to purchase** eyeglasses for students.

September 15th

Senator Thompson said he would sponsor a bill to tax Pilgrim State for school taxes.

Miss Nolan is giving sewing classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.

October 18th

Mr. Stuart brings the 8th grade to the Empire State Building and Museum of Natural History on a field trip.

1935

January 17th

Mr. Baker suggested that he would like to see the members of the Board split up into different committees which would tend to bring the work of the school closer to the Board

February 23rd

The District Clerk was authorized to have his typewriter cleaned and repaired.

March 21st

First mention of musical instrument training for students.

March 26th

Mr. Stuart was instructed to have the fire extinguisher refilled.

Mr. Baker stated that for the good of the District no faculty member should board at the home of any trustee unless no other suitable arrangement could be made and that the practice should be discontinued and the teacher should be hired for their teaching qualities rather than their willingness to board with the Chairman.

September 19th

The District assessment as per the Town of Islip is \$3,839,273. (Remember the assessment on the Pilgrim State grounds in 1931 was \$2 million. A huge loss in revenue for the District.)

1936

February 24th

Employees are granted 10 sick days and then the difference between their salary and the substitute.

July 14th

The total budget for 1936-37 is \$11,845. The total postal budget is \$12.

1937

May 17th

The vacuum cleaner is reconditioned.

The Board directed the bus driver to pick students up on Fulton Street when it rains.

July 15, 1937

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "We commend the work of Herbert Raeth, Clerk of the Board of Education for the last school years. It has been painstakingly and carefully performed. It is valuable to the District to have had records so carefully made".

Fannie Courtney is appointed District Treasurer.

Dr. Ross had the following statement put in the official minutes:

Thank you for asking me to serve as your Chairman. It may be the least onerous of any position on the Board.

I want to say in the beginning of our work that I will consider it **unbecoming** in any member of the Board to insist on his own opinion unchecked by the opinion of the rest of the Board and by the public also, except in details of routine administration which may ^{be} assigned to the Committee of One.

I shall ask you always to **avoid petty details** which make us miserable and are always irritating to others. Surely, we have **no need for secrets** and should always be willing to take the public into our confidence in all conclusions. I believe that we will always be willing to base our conclusions on facts and figures, and then **tell the public the whole story**.

The new members of the Board assume their responsibilities without having solicited anyone to vote for them, without having engaged in the **pettiness of campaigning** and without having promised any favors.

I am sure that all members of the Board will be guided by their own **conscience** and by no other influence.

We are here to take care of the business of this School District and we must look upon our **duties as a public trust** just as much as if we represented a larger unit of government.

Modesty is always becoming in any official. People do not for long tolerate any other attitude.

July 28th

The car of the attendance officer is insured for 50/100K while it is used in an official capacity.

Dr. W. W. Molinoff as the school medical officer has examined every school age child including those in St Anne's. He conducted follow-up as necessary. Every tonsil defect in the school children has been corrected. "The borderline cases - those not on the welfare list but whose financial condition does not warrant the usual fees - were treated at the nominal fee of \$10, \$5 to the physician and \$5 to the Ross Sanitarium, the latter include the use of the operating room, one night's lodging, nursing, anesthesia, laundry, etc. Milk for undernourished children, glasses and dental work was also provided as far as funds were available".

August 5th

Mr. Messick reported on and made recommendations on stair treads.

August 23rd

Mrs. Litzko, Census Enumerator, stated that there are 450 children between birth and 18 of age, 32 will attend Central Islip HS, 27 to Farmingdale, 1 at Islip High School, 151 in the Brentwood Schools, 88 at St. Anne's and 5 will go as tuition students to Islip. There will be 20 children entering the first grade.

Because of overcrowding more space is needed.

An additional sixth grade teacher hire was suggested.

September 27th

All employees, principals, teachers and others are forbidden to transport any pupil by car unless specifically authorized by the Board.

The matter of purchasing a typewriter for the Treasurer was discussed and tabled.

There is one bus and driver in the District.

1938

January 24th

Mr. Alexander Fuss presented a petition that a school be considered on the tract of land adjoining the Golf Club. The petition was placed on record.

(There is no tenure the faculty and principal are on 1 or 5 year contracts).

March 28th

The Janitor's Retirement fund is discussed. It would be funded from State Aid 7% and from the employee 4%. The matter was tabled.

Mr. Morgenweck, Committee on Bus Discipline, reported that the unruly pupils were required to sit in full view of the driver while riding in the bus.

A rebuilt portable Underwood typewriter was purchased for \$32.

Use of the school basement was approved for the Boy Scouts.

"A petition duly filed was presented by John O'Rourke requiring the Board to look into the merit of purchasing, for school purposes, the block bounded by Fourth Street, Third Street, Second Avenue and First Avenue. Petition filed for future reference."

The purchase of baseball equipment was approved.

1939

January 23rd

A 4H club was approved.

April 27th

\$25 was authorized for the expenses of the graduating class's sightseeing trip to New York City.

September 25th

Motion made and carried that the custodian be allowed mileage to attend three sessions of the Nassau County School for Custodians.

The position of Dental Hygienist was approved.

October 23rd

Joseph Loeffler of the American Legion Post donated a flag for the flagpole of the new school.

1940

March 19th

The tentative date for laying of the cornerstone of the new school is set for Sunday, May 5th.

Sunday, May 5th -- the program for the cornerstone ceremony

**LIST OF MATERIALS PLACED IN THE CORNERSTONE
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 1940**

Leigh P. Stuart, Principal

Charles A. Codman's "History of the Village of Modern Times"

Directories of the Second Supervisory District, Roscoe C. Croft, Supt.

1929-30, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1935-36

Directories of the Second Supervisory District, Walter M. Ormsby, Supt.

1936-37, 1937-38, 1938-39, 1939-40

Graduation Program of the Brentwood Union Free School District

Classes 1933-39 inclusive

New York Times - limited imperishable rag edition

New York Herald Tribune

Brooklyn Eagle

Bay Shore Journal

Islip Press

Patchogue Advance

Patchogue Argus

Port Jefferson Times

Young America

Current Events

Weekly Readers - #1, 3, 4, 5

Sears Roebuck Catalog for the Spring and Summer, 1940

The signatures of the members of the Board of Education 1939-40,

The faculty and pupils as of October 1939, and other auxiliary personnel.

Lists:

Board of Education 1853-1939

Faculty - 1856-1940

Budgets

Stamps

Coins

Addresses of Supt Walter M. Ormsby and Dr. William H. Ross given on this occasion.

Copy of the program of the Cornerstone laying.

November 27th

The Board voted to turn on the heat in the old building on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until Spring for the convenience of the Public Library and Red Cross

1941

February 17th

Motion carried to permit use of the school gym for a "Bundles for Britain" benefit.

December 22nd

Mr. Sonderling appointed a committee to cooperate with the American Legion Post in the matter of an observation booth for air raid wardens.

1942

February 25th

Motion made and carried that as there is only room in the school building not used as a classroom but is now being used by the Well Baby Clinic, Girl Scouts and Brownies, use of same by these organizations should not be discontinued. Therefore this room cannot be used as a pre-nursery school.

Mr. Frailey moved and Miss Gibney seconded and the following resolution carried: It is the opinion of this Board that the **maximum salary for classroom teachers only be limited to \$1800 per annum and the minimum shall be \$1300.**

July 20th

Mr. Abel was appointed to the Committee on Motion Pictures with the authority to hold public showing of current films at his discretion.

1943

September 27th

Parents petition the Board of Education for a High School.

October 14th

The Board is looking into the matter of a high school.

1944

March 27th

A cost of living bonus of \$100 was proposed for all full time employees. It went down 3 votes to 2.

July 17th

Dr. W. W. Molinoff was appointed school physician.

August 30th

The Cinema Committee reports an average attendance of 214.

Catherine Van Wyck is granted military leave for overseas duties with the Red Cross effective October 31st.

Dorothy Carlson is employed as the above's replacement.

September 27th

The Board of Education Committees consisted of:

Edward Sonderling - Grounds and Repairs

Mr. Abel - Cinema and Insurance

Miss Gibney - Hearings and Board of Ed representative.

The Grounds Committee reported it was necessary to repair the electric system of the old school after the hurricane and to inspect the oil burner of the new school.

Mr. Abel reported for the Cinema Committee that the machine has been

overhauled and the program posted for the coming season.

Florence Van Winkle was hired as Music Supervisor for a total salary of \$400. She works one day a week.

The Kindergarten mural was completed by Helen O'Connor

1945

January 22nd

The Cinema Committee's total attendance was 3,000 to date.

Dr. William Ross celebrates 40 years as a board member, 35 of which are as president.

March 26th

Tuition is paid to the Special School for Paralysis Victims in Huntington for Margaret Kane, student.

Rita Bryan declined her contract for 1945-46 and Charlotte Duval accepted hers.

Florence Van Winkle is employed full time.

May 28th

\$25 is voted toward graduation expenses.

The following were granted tenure:

Leigh P. Stuart, Principal

Anna C. Palmer

Eloise Mitchell

Edna N. Dealy

Beryl Nott

Charles F. Walter

June 30th

There are a total of 2,775 books in the Brentwood Library. Juvenile books number 676 and adult books number 2,099. A total of 7,619 borrowings are recorded.

The chairman of the Library Board, Frederick B. Hose, is on military leave stationed in the Pacific.

July 16th

The Board considers the proposal to have all employees other than faculty join the New York State Employees Retirement System. This is later adopted on July 30th.

September 24th

The Board agreed to have the State Conservation Committee seed trees on District owned property.

September 25th - PTA Minutes

The PTA meets for the first time on a regular. The meeting opens with the singing of "America", the pledge of allegiance and then musical pieces performed by members.

Mrs. Harold Abel conducted ballet classes.

The PTA dues were \$1 per year.

October 30th - PTA Meeting

The "Dark Horse" is a very popular drawing where everyone puts in .10 and the "winner" is responsible for the next meetings refreshments.

Members were urged to buy Liberty Bonds through the school district. The Boy Scouts are trying to raise \$125.

Mrs. Mullaney "related very interestingly her experiences in Santo Tomas as a prisoner of the Japs".

November 20th

The Suffolk County Tuberculosis Mass Ex-Ray was conducted.

The principal, Leigh P. Stuart, obtained an excellent educational moving picture while he was in New York entitled "The Army Chaplain". All enjoyed the picture and felt that if in the days of war there is no race or creed prejudice there should never be any.

November 26th

Thalia Rehberg is hired as the Principal's secretary for \$1000 per annum.

November 27th - PTA Minutes

There are 58 full time members.

Mr. Stuart expressed his desire that our PTA "be on time and start on time".

The guest speaker was District Superintendent Walter M. Ormsby. His subject "A Forward Look At New York State Education". He spoke of centralization of schools, scholarships for colleges and a college for Long Island in Suffolk County.

"He asked us to keep in the center by using our own thoughts about what we want and need for our children in Brentwood and to work to get them, Not let mob thinking or dictatorship tell us what we shall have. Organizations like PTA can do much for their youth". Eloise F. Mitchell as secretary.

On the subject of vocational schooling "Mr. Stuart said. 'The subject is not new to this area. The expanded facilities at Farmingdale may be a partial answer. From my point of view, we need an institution centrally located that will take large groups of students who do not have the ability to graduate from the 8th grade and/or high school and surely could not be admitted to college. They are too bright to be admitted to our already overtaxed mental institutions and are not bright enough for college. They could learn some useful occupation in a trade school.'"

1946

January 28th

The District is audited for five days by the State.

Florence Koehler is employed as a substitute for a total salary of \$12.45.

April 30th - PTA Minutes

The PTA was alerted to the dangers of Rocky Mountain Fever.

Dr. Evans spoke about Infantile Paralysis.

May 27th

Miss Dealy is ill. She is to receive the difference between her salary and Miss Weeks' for May and June as a form of sabbatical leave.

The budget for the 1946-47 school year is \$14,575.

May 28th - PTA Minutes

The PTA declined an offer by the Joseph Loeffler American Legion Post to march in the Memorial Day Parade as a body because so many of the members would be marching as veterans.

May 28th - PTA Minutes

PTA voted to give a yearly award of \$5 each to a boy and girl graduating the 8th grade who show outstanding excellence, participation in school activities and community interest.

Mrs. Frailey is the Brentwood Librarian.

June 12th - PTA Minutes

Today was Kindergarten Graduation as well as Eighth Grade Graduation.

July 12th

Dr. Bernard Stern is employed as the District's dentist.

October 21st

Florence Koehler is employed as a temporary teacher at \$10 per diem. The substitute rate of pay goes from \$6 to \$8.

October 27th - PTA Minutes

The PTA donated a much needed portable Victrola valued at \$26.

December 16th

Parents of the pupils involved in the bus misdemeanor were present at the Board Meeting. The matter was settle with the payment of damage to the upholstery.

December 18th

The Board approved a \$50 a month increase in teachers salary as well as \$40 to the principal, \$30 to the custodian, \$10 for the cafeteria and \$40 for the secretary.

1947

March 15th - PTA Minutes

Better enforcement of the law requiring motorists to stop when approaching a stopped school bus is needed. It was decided that the PTA would endeavor to get signs posted along the roads.

April 9th

The six step teacher salary scheduled is adopted by the Board. This is later rejected by the faculty on April 24th.

The Board approves the hire of a third custodian.

April 28th

The Chairman of the Board reported that he had been presented with a summons in the case of Joseph Amador who was recently injured on the school grounds.

June 16th

Dr. Bernard Stern, District dentist, has cleaned the teeth of 362 children.

August 18th

Matilda Jean Smith is hired to teach sixth grade, home economics and art.

Motion was made by Mr. Abel, and seconded by Mr. Sonderling and carried that all publicity regarding Board business be issued by the Board through the District Clerk ONLY. The Principal was so notified.

1948

February 23th

First mention of a Superintendent's Hearing.

March 15th

The Advisory Committee consisting of Charles F. Walter, Myrtle Burt, Eleanor Mack, Beryl Nott and M. Jean Smith submitted the following

1. The present salary schedule be adhered to.
2. A minimum of five year credit for previous experience in another System and full credit in our own system.
3. Reconsider schedule placement of teachers more consistent with training and experience.
4. The Committee wishes to point out that the salary law sets up minimums. The local boards of education may go as far beyond the minimums as they wish.

April 26th

Salaries were fixed for 1948-1949 at the 9147-1948 rates. The salaries of the Census Taker, District Clerk and District Treasurer were increased.

June 21st

Emil J. Bejsonvec is appointed auditor.

The budget calls for:

1 Supervising Principal

13 Teachers

1 Part-Time Teacher

1 Head Custodian

2 Assistant Custodians

1 Cook

2 Food Service Workers

1 District Clerk

1 District Treasurer

1 Census Taker

1 Auditor

1 School Physician

1 School Dentist

July 13th

The Census shows 215 boys and 197 girls in the school system.

August 20th

Dorothy Presada is employed as the Science, Health and Physical Education Teacher.

August 30th

Miss Buckley is employed as the Health Teacher and Nurse.

November 22nd

Mr. Stuart reported the purchase of a film slide and strip projector for the school out of the proceeds of the sale of ice cream.

1949

January 24th

A year's leave of absence is granted to Harry Howard due to illness.

February 28th

The Adult Education Program starts. There is one class in Citizenship. It is a two hour class meeting once a week. The teacher is paid \$5 for the session.

November 4th

The first mention of home teaching. It started on December 12th.

Dorothea Taylor reported there are 118 adults in the Adult Education Program. Verne Dyson is teaching Beginning English and Citizenship, Jerome Gleason Effective Speaking, Miss Caddoo Mixed Chorus, Joseph Skipule, Commercial Subjects. Mr. Christian is teaching the Driver Education course.

December 12th

There is a field trip for 500 upper grade pupils to the Bay Shore train station to view the Freedom Train.

1950

January 16th

Mr. Verne Dyson is working on a history of Brentwood to coincide with the 100th anniversary.

April 5th

Non-faculty employees now have the same right to sick days. Ten days and then the difference between their pay and the substitute.

May 3rd

Dorothea Taylor resigns as Director of Adult Education.

This is the start of typed minutes of the meetings.

Jean Berger is hired as a physical education teacher.

Dorothy Adams resigned.

Mr. Verne Dyson is chairman of the Brentwood Centennial Committee.

Resolution: The riding of bicycles on school property is forbidden. All riders must dismount when approaching school property and walk beside the bicycle until school property has been left. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in confiscation of the bicycle until satisfactory assurance is given that in the future the regulation will be strictly observed.

May 15th

The Principal (Mr. Stuart) reported that the school would like to build a replica of the original octagonal schoolhouse as a project for the coming Centennial celebration. Mr. Sonderling moved and Miss Gibney seconded and the motion carried to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$30 for this purpose.

September 6th

Mr. Sonderling is appointed to the School and New Construction Committee.

Mr. Hose is appointed to Insurance and Community Recreation.

October 4th

Mr. George Kiernan is appointed school attorney.

Some businesses patronized by the school district:

R. M. Koehler and son

Taylor Lumber

Suffolk Bus

Campbell's Bake Shop

Vollbracht Dairy

1951

March 7th

Mr. Frank Marlowe, custodian, is granted military leave without pay. He is being recalled to military service on April 1st for the "duration of the emergency" and 90 days thereafter.

April 4th

The total faculty:

Jean Berger

Mrytle Burt

Frances Cairns

Dorothy Carlson

Edna Dealy

Allen Firch

Rudolf Freund

Selma Haber

Sarah Hammond

Elinore Mack

George Martinson

Eloise Mitchell

Jean Newell

Beryl Nott

Virginia Nyitray

Gwendolyn O'Hara

Ethel Smith

Carolyn Texiera

Henry Trutneff

Charles Walter

Custodial Staff

John Loeffler

Daniel Holmes

Henry Kruse

Frank Marlowe

Kitchen Staff

Rose Conklin

Teresa Doyle

Mary Michelfelder

Secretary

Thalia Raehberg

Principal

Leigh P. Stuart

June 5th

Father McGann of St Anne's Parish was present and thanked the Board for the use of the gym for the boys on Friday nights.

Henry Trutneff was ordered to active duty in the US Naval Reserve.

September 5th

Winifred G. Johnson was hired as a 5th grade teacher.

Barbara Moppen as a 5th grade teacher

Edna Russell in first grade

Edith Reynolds as a food service worker

Caroline McNaughton as a cleaner at \$1 per hour.

Harold Cinqmars was hired as custodian.

The following teachers were shared through BOCES (first so mentioned):

Carl Benenati - Industrial Arts - 2 days

Charles Smith - Art - 2 days

Norma Boyle - girls Phys Ed - 3 days

Mary Freeman - Nurse - 2 days

Jean Schwanda - Music - 3 days

Marybelle Grey - Home Ec - 2 days

November 7th

A wing of the new elementary school was dedicated to Dr. Ross.

Businesses mentioned:

Conservative Gas

Florio's Home Oil

Brentwood Water District

Diggle Agency for boiler insurance premium

Singer Sewing Machine

Paradise Silk Store

Harcourt Brace

1952

January 9th

The Principal reported that the Faculty-Board dinner would be held in the school cafeteria of the new wing on January 21st. The dedication of the new wing will be held on Sunday, February 10th and a dinner in honor of Dr. Ross on Monday, February 11th.

Mr. O'Rourke was appointed to a committee to look into the matter of reassessment of the Pilgrim State Hospital.

February 6th

Carolyn Teixeira is appointed head of the Adult Education department.

March 28th

Mr. O'Rourke moved that as recognition for the outstanding service we award Miss Texeira and Mr. Martinson one additional increment above their

earned step. This was seconded by Dr. Ross and passed.

Mr. O'Rourke offered a motion that each teacher be placed on the step of the salary schedule equivalent to their years of service in the Brentwood system. So resolved.

April 2nd

The teacher salary schedule has 16 steps.

May 6th

Thomas Johnson presented the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hose and unanimously carried:

Whereas, Dr. William H. Ross has served this School District for many years as a member of the Board, a rising vote of thanks shall be extended to him as a further recognition of this long and unselfish service that it be resolved that he be designated as Honorary Member of the Brentwood Board of Education for life, and that this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the meeting.

Dr. Ross expressed his thanks for the honor paid him, viewing his service only as an obligation of any citizen of a community.

May 4th

Meeting with teachers to discuss salary.

Dr. William H. Ross has declined the nomination for trustee and therefore this is the last regular meeting over which he will preside as Chairman of this Board. We do extend to him our thanks and best wishes and pray he may continue to enjoy good health and happiness.

July 1st

Committees:

Mr. Hose - Insurance

Mr. O'Rourke - Pilgrim State Assessment

Mr. Salamone - Transportation

Mr. Sonderling - Buildings and Grounds

September 3rd

Mr. Joseph Graff is hired as a fifth grade teacher.

October 1st

Mileage rate of .8 a mile is approved.

November 5th

Food from the US Department of Agriculture is given to the school lunch program.

1953

May 19th

The Board authorized Mr. Stuart to contact Dr. Ormsby (Second Supervisory District) and Dr. Gatje (Bay Shore Schools) to discuss boundary lines between the two school district because of the new Southern State Parkway.

Ralph Saikin hired as an intermediate grade teacher.

June 2nd

Kindergarten graduation will be held at 10 a.m. on June 10th. There will be no 8th grade graduation due to the inauguration of the new junior high school program.

1954

January 11th and 12th

Schools closed on account of snow.

March 22nd

New schools are mentioned by name: Northeast, Southwest

June 18th

Letter from Walter M. Ormsby to Mr. Sonderling recommending that Mr. Stuart be named "Administrative Assistant" and a new supervising principal be hired with a secondary school background. Mr. Stuart's background is elementary.

August 3rd

Meeting of the Boards of Education of Central Islip, Brentwood, Hauppauge and the Towns of Islip and Smithtown regarding reorganization of school districts. It was decided that it was not feasible.

Eugene G Hoyt is appointed Supervising Principal of the Brentwood Union Free School District as of August 15th, 1954. His salary is \$8500.

September 13th

Permission is given the Red Cross to use the schools as disaster centers when necessary.

1955

February 14th

Permission is given the Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department to erect a fire tower on the Central School property.

Motion is made to hire a High School Principal at an annual salary not to exceed \$7,000.

Named school: Central School later known as Village School.

March 14th

George Klein hired as an attendance teacher.

Southeast School is named "in conformity with the previously named schools".

March 28th

Frederick L. Weaver is hired effective July 1st, 1955 at a salary of \$7000.

May 3rd

Named school: Junior-Senior High School

May 22nd

The new High School at Brentwood will be named "Brentwood High School" and a suitable plaque will be erected in the lobby with the

following inscription:

This building is a memorial to Dr. William H. Ross in recognition of his outstanding service to the community of Brentwood and his long service on the Brentwood Board of Education.

June 13th

Letter written by the Town of Islip Assessor to the State Board of Equalization stated that the new tentative valuation for the Pilgrim State Hospital is \$1,559,148 for the 1299.29 acres. This valuation is on the basis of \$1200 per acre.

Honor roll junior and senior high students get pins from the Board to show the Board's appreciation of their hard work.

November 28th

A request was received from the Brentwood Teachers' Association (first mention as such) for permission to use the facilities of the various schools for carrying out a project of ballet and tap dancing instruction.

1956

February 6th

Meeting with the teachers regarding 1956-57 school year. Placement on step tabled until the salary schedule is "stabilized". Minimum salary increased to \$3,800. There is an increment schedule. Surrounding areas and local ability were considered. Sabbatical leave as at present. No credit for military service.

"The Professional Committee is to be commended for its vigorous efforts on behalf of the teachers. It has been a pleasure to work with it." Eugene G. Hoyt, Supervising Principal.

September 21st

The following persons served as inspectors of election, having been notified of their appointment as required by law:

Thalia Rehberg, Margaret Quin, Gloria Torres, Marion Young and John J. Loeffler

Board resolution authorizing \$35,000 to finance the acquisition of land as a school site (Candlewood Road and Fifth Avenue/Wicks Road). Land formerly owned by Murray and George Elkin and William H. Moffitt Realty Corp. The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which bonds are to be issued is 30 years. Resolution published in the Islip Press and Islip Herald.

September 24th

There are 14 buses servicing the Brentwood Schools. They make 142 trips daily.

November 11th

General Fund Account expenditure of \$500 to start the Brentwood Pow Wow newspaper.

November 15th

Meat order:

750 pounds of chopped beef from Ideal Purveyors

130 pounds of roast beef from Roberts Meat

125 pounds of stew beef from Bay Shore Meats

350 pounds of turkey from Roberts Meat

600 pounds of franks from the Islip Avenue Food Mart

1957

January 28th

"A committee of the Brentwood Professional Teacher Association was present to discuss with the Board various subjects and their problems connected with teaching and, also their views on salary changes for the 1957-58 school year. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to notify the Committee when decisions had been reached by the Board and arrange for another meeting to discuss, if necessary, the decisions."

March 11th

Bids were entertained for "Darkening and Light Diffusing Plastic Drapes".

March 19th

Six hundred and eighteen yards of excess top soil from the High School site was distributed to Southeast (420), Southwest (107) and Northeast (91).

March 25th

A discussion was held on microfilming records.

May 7th

The annual meeting notice was posted locally at:

**Pine Aire Sweet Shop
Long Island Railroad Station
Danny's Tavern
El Tropical Groceries
Brentwood Pine Drugs
Doughnut Shop in the new shopping center
Brentwood Pharmacy
William Campbell, Bakery
Koehler's Market
East Brentwood Fire Department
Pilgrim State - Main lobby
Schimonelli's Hardware
Busy Bee Bakery
And other places**

May 12th

Coaching salaries approved:

**Varsity football = \$375
Varsity baseball = \$275
Cheerleading = \$275
Weightlifting = \$200
Plus other titles**

May 27th

The Professional Teachers Association advised the Board of Education that the teachers had voted to become members of the proposed Social Security program for teachers. Resolution passed that the school district will provide old-age and survivors insurance coverage for eligible teachers effective June 16th, 1956, as per the Federal Social Security Act.

Motion made and carried for school district funds to be used for new caps and gowns for teachers and graduating seniors for this year in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the school district.

June 10th

A doctor's certificate will be required after 3 days absence or more, and suspicious circumstances will be investigated.

September

Vote to approve building of North Elementary, South Elementary and South Junior High School.

September 30th

The parents of _____, a 9 year old, presented a letter from their family doctor which stated that the child developed a number of psychosomatic symptoms since her transfer from Northeast School to Southwest School. The parents request her transfer back to Northeast. The Board advised them that this was impossible as the Northeast School was filled to capacity. If a vacancy should occur their request will be considered.

September 30th

The Board publicly acknowledges Mr. Leigh P. Stuart's service of 25 years as teacher, principal and administrative assistant.

1958

April 25th

There are four elementary schools.

June 27th

Central Islip Hospital requested use of the High School pool for groups of their children. Request denied.

July 11th

Mr. Weaver requests permission to designate a special location on the school grounds for student smoking. The Board suggests to him that he appeal to the students to stop smoking.

September

The schools are:

Brentwood High School

Village School

Southwest

Southeast

Northeast

North

South

Junior High School

There are 8 schools

1959

February 13th

Elementary summer school is approved.

The Board unanimously granted permission for a private teacher to instruct a certain child in drums in the Southeast School, upon the recommendation of Mr. Cerullo who believes the child in question to be unusually talented.

March 13th

The Board unanimously agreed to the cancellation of the contract with Gottfried Baking Co., Inc., due to the poor quality of the bread delivered to the schools.

Following brochure was presented for approval:

July 1st-August 30th - Brentwood Summer High School - 1959 Session

"We at Brentwood are proud of our swimming pool. We want our Summer School students to enjoy this facility. Limited opportunity to enjoy the cool water during free periods will be offered to those students displaying good school citizenship."

The brochure was printed in the Brentwood High School Print Shop.

April 10th

The Board of Education unanimously agreed to allow Kenneth Stevens, who has just returned from 4 years military service, to enter Brentwood High School and finish his studies and receive a diploma.

Salary schedule for 1959-60 has the following columns:

BA, BA+30, MA, MA+15, MA+30 and Dr.

April 20th

The Board of Education says in its budget brochure:

"The Education of a child depends of 3 basic items: 1 - good teachers, 2 - proper equipment and 3 - healthful surroundings suited to the learning going on."

"...children who are handicapped, physically, mentally or in some way are placed in classes suited to their handicap... We are very proud of this special education."

May 15th

A request is received from Edith Filosa, a nurse, for a leave of absence of about 6 weeks starting in September or early October for a flight training period in the United States Air Force Reserve. Request unanimously approved.

Mr. Stuart informed the Board that he received a telephone call from a Mrs. Mollenhauer of Brentwood who wished to advise the Board of Education

that in her opinion Mrs. Liebowitz, a teacher in our system, is a very good teacher and wished to commend her for her work.

New school names: East Elementary. The first junior high school is now known as South Junior High School and the new one North Junior High School.

1960

January 8th

Miss Catherine Lynott, a teacher, did not resign as requested. The Board of Education authorized Dr. Hoyt to dismiss her as of December 31st, 1959.

A motion offered by Mr. Vlaun and seconded by Mr. Graham that and request or any other pertinent information shall be given to Federal or State agencies only when a court order is presented. Motion carried.

January 13th

Substitute teachers are paid 1/200 of BA 1st step.

February 19th

Gates are installed at the railroad crossing on Fifth Avenue/Wicks Road.

Permission is granted for the Detroit Tigers baseball team to conduct a tryout on June 28th and 29th on the High School field.

T.A.M.P.A. = Taxpayer Association of Motor Parkway Acreage, Inc.
Arnold Johnson, President and Clinton W. Dyer, Chairman of School Board Affairs.

April 1st

First mention of health insurance for employees.