

MINUTES OF NORTH FAYETTE TWP.,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA. SCHOOL
BOARD

1874-1888

No. 1, 1st Monday in June 1874

The school board organized for the ensuing school year by electing Vincent Miller, President, and Samuel Dickson, Secretary.

Messrs. J.R. McMichael and John Mathews then took their seats as members elect of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

On motion, it was agreed to abandon No. 8 school district. It was agreed to sell No. 8 house.

The President appointed John Mathews and J.R. McMichael that committee.

On motion it was agreed at this time to pay teachers the same wages as last year, viz: \$40.00 per month.

On motion it was agreed to build a new school house in No. 5 sub-district.

On motion it was agreed to build the school-house in No. 5 sub-district on the lands of Mr. John Walker.

On motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed to wait on Mr. Walker with regard to the selection of a site to build on. The President appointed Messrs. Dickson, Mathews, and Gregg that committee.

On motion Mr. Miller was substituted for Dickson.

On motion it was agreed to levy 1 mill for building purposes and 1 mill for school purposes.

On motion it was agreed that No. 5 house be built similar to the house in No. 2 sub-district.

On motion it was agreed that the building committee shall consist of 3 members.

On motion it was agreed that Dickson, Gregg and Miller be the building committee.

On motion it was agreed to meet at the call of the committee

On motion it was agreed that the new school house be given entire to the contractor.

On motion it was agreed to meet on the 2nd Sat. of Aug. at Oakdale at 8 o'clock a.m.

The following warrants cast in favor of J.C. Marks - \$10.87
Mr. Weirich 3.50

On motion. Adjourned. Signed "Samuel Dickson, Sec."

Election grounds North Fayette District June 6th, 1874

Board met agreeable to call of the building committee No. 5 sub-district.

On motion it was agreed to reconsider the building of a new schoolhouse in No. 5 sub-district.

On motion the original motion was negative and it was agreed to build a new schoolhouse in No. 7 sub-district.

On motion Dickson, Campbell and McMichael were appointed a building committee.

On motion it was agreed to build No. 7 house agreeable to the specifications for No. 5.

On motion it was agreed to postpone the selling of No. 8 house for the present.

On motion the selection of the site and disposing of the old No. 7 house be left entirely to the building committee.

On motion it was agreed to grant treasurer J.C. Marks a duplicate warrant for warrants claimed to be lost to enable him to close his account with the Township audit.

On motion it was agreed to meet at the call of the building committee.

On motion - adjourned.

"Samuel Dickson, Sec."

Oakdale Saturday 20th of June 1874

Board met agreeable to adjournment President Miller in the chair with a full board present. The President then announced that this meeting was called for the purpose to let the contract to build a new house in No. 7 sub-district as had already been advertised.

On motion it was agreed that all proposals be placed on one paper together with the separate amounts of each and each member be required to mark. After each member

had marked, the chair announced that the result was unanimous in favor Isaac J. Stewart, whose proposal was \$1225.00 and \$3.00 per perch for the stonework.

On motion it was agreed that the building ommittee obtain the stonework cheaper if possible.

On motion adjourned.

"Samuel Dickson, Sec."

Oakdale August 8th 1874

Board met agreeable to adjournment President Miller in the chair. Mr. Gregg was absent when the Board convened.

Minutes of the meetings of June 1st, June 6 and June 20th were read and approved.

On motion the motion to abandon No. 8 sub-district passed June 1st was reconsidered.

On motion original motion was negative"d".

On motion Messrs. Mathews and Gregg be a committee to repair No. 5 house.

On motion it was agreed to pay the teacher in (Noblestown) No. 3 sub-district \$45.00 per month.

On motion we refuse to teach any children of South Fayette District unless said district pay the pro rate cost thereof.

On motion the Board adjourned until 1 o'clock p.m.

One o'clock having arrived the Board convened with all the members present.

On motion the election of teachers shall be by marking. The Board then proceeded to the election of teachers with the following result viz:

- No. 1. Miss E. J. Gregg
- No. 2. Will Sturgeon
- No. 3 M.R. Walker
- No. 4. Mina A. Scott
- No. 5 Lida J. Wallace
- No. 6. Mary V. Scantlin
- No. 7. Souie C. McKee
- No. 8. M.J. Dickson

No. 9. Mattie Bayne

The following are the visiting committees for the ensuing term viz:

Nos. 1 and 5	Gregg and Mathews
Nos. 2 and 1	McMichael and Campbell
Nos. 6 and 8	Dickson and McMichael
Nos. 3 and 4	Mathews and Miller
No. 9	Campbell and McMichael

On motion it was agreed to open the school term on the 1st Monday in September

On motion that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on the 2nd Saturday (10th) of October at No. 7 at 1 o'clock p.m.

On motion adjourned.

The following warrants were cast in favor of:

J.A. Tidball	\$3.00
I.J. Stewart	\$600.00
Francis Conway	\$69.60
AMOUNT	\$672.60

"Samuel Dickson (Sec.)"

SCHOOL-ROOM NO. 7 OCT. 10TH, 1874

School Board met pursuant to adjournment President Miller in the chair. Present (were) Miller, McMichael, Gregg, Campbell, Mathews and Dickson. Minutes of the August 8th were read and approved. Committee on repairing No. 5 schoolhouse reported progress and asked to be continued. Committee on the building of No. 7 school house reported progress and asked to be continued.

On motion the reports of the committees were accepted and committees continued. Messrs. Mathews and McMichael a committee delegate from the Oakdale Farmers Club next waited on the Board to inquire if the Club could procure No. 9 schoolhouse to house its meetings in; and if so on what condition.

On motion it was agreed to grant the Club the privilege to hold its meetings in No. 9 house provided the Club become responsible for and will make good any damage that may be done at any of its meetings; also that the Club cause the house to be swept out after each meeting.

On motion it was agreed to grant the use of No. 9 house to our Lutheran bretheren to hold preaching in, on the same conditions as granted to the Oakdale Farmer's Club

On motion it was agreed to meet on the last Sat. of November and once each month thereafter during the school term at No. 1 at 1 o'clock p.m.

The following warrants were cast in favor of

David Stewart, Adm of Isaac Stewart	\$625.00	
Lou. C. McKee teaching	40.00	
M.J. Dickson teaching	40.00	
Wm. Sturgeon teaching	40.00	
Robbie M. Walker teaching	45.00	
Mary V. Scantlin teaching	40.00	
Esther Gregg teaching	40.00	
Lida J. Wallace teaching	40.00	
Mina A. Scott teaching	40.00	
J. R. McMichael - freight and handling	18.90	
Vincent Miller - contingencies No. 4	1.50	
David Stewart - setting furniture Grate at No. 7	25.00	
Alex. Campbell - coal No. 9	12.00	
Robbie M. Walker - cards and contingencies	7.00	
J. R. McMichael - coal and stove No. 7	30.65	
AMOUNT	\$1045.05	

On motion adjourned.

Samuel Dickson, Secretary

SCHOOLROOM NO. 1, NOVEMBER 28TH 1874

Board met pursuant to adjournment President Miller in the chair. Members present - Miller, McMichael, Gregg, Campbell, Mathews and Dickson. Minutes of October 10th were read and approved.

On motion passed Oct. 10th to hold regular stated meetings each month at No. 1 during the school term was recinded. The vote recurring on the original motion it was negatived.

On motion it was agreed to meet at Oakdale on the last Saturday of December at 1 o'clock p.m.

On motion it was agreed to exclude the use of No. 5 school house to the singing held there weekly unless said singing comply with the conditions of the grants given of the other houses. (Ed. note. "Singing Societies" and "Literary Societies" were popular in those days as social events. It was a good and socially approved way to meet members of the opposite sex.)

On motion it was agreed that the singing class at No. 5. be officially notified of the action of the Board at this meeting and also the conditions on which the singing class can have the use of the house.

On motion it was agreed to grant the use of No. 7. school house for a singing class on the conditions of the grant given the Farmers Club of No. 9 house.

On motion it was agreed to grant the use of No. 2 school house for a Literary Society on the same conditions as other grants, provided the Society first repair the damage done to the furniture two years ago.

On motion Mr. Campbell was appointed a committee to inform the Literary Society of the action of the Board.

The committee on repairing No. 5 school house reported no progress since our last meeting.

On motion the committee was continued with instructions to repair the house as soon as possible. The committee on the building of No. 7 schoolhouse and procuring of the site reported progress.

On motion the report was accepted with the committee continued.

On motion the following teachers warrants were granted.

M. J. Dickson one month's teaching	\$40.00
Lou C. McKee one month's teaching	40.00
Mary V. Scantlin - one month's teaching	40.00
Lida J. Wallace - one month's teaching	40.00
Martha Bayne - two month's teaching	80.00
Robbie M. Walker - one month's teaching	45.00
Esther Gregg - one month's teaching	40.00
M. A. Scott - one month's teaching	40.00

On motion warrants were granted for bills as follows:

Martha Bayne - contingencies No. 9	1.48
Martin Logan - coal No. 6	6.50
J. J. Mathews - coal No. 3	11.18
G. W. Hoffman - sundry articles	15.06
Joseph Farmer - coal Nos. 1 and 5	16.50
AMOUNT	\$415.72

On motion meetin adjourned.

Samuel Dickson, Secretary

OAKDALE DECEMBER 26TH 1874

School Board met pursuant to adjournment. President Miller in the chair. Members present - Miller, McMichael, Gregg, Campbell, Mathews and Dickson. Minutes of Nov. 28th read and approved. Mr. Campbell - Committee on giving the grant of No. 2 house for the use of a Lit(t)erary Society, reported that he had conveyed to the Society the conditions of the grant given for the use of the house by the School Board. Also that the Society agreed to comply with the conditions of the Board.

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee on repairs to No. 5 reported no progress except a lot of mud on the floor. On motion the report was received and the committee continued.

The building com. for No. 7 reported no progress since the last meeting, but asked to be continued. On motion the report was received and the com. continued.

On motion it was agreed that the Singing Society at No. 5 be notified that unless they comply with the request of the School Board, the door will be locked against their use of the house.

On motion it was agreed the secretary grant teachers warrants on reports that are correct until the next meeting of the School Board.

On motion it was agreed to meet at Oakdale on the last Saturday (27th) of March 1875 at 1 o'clock p.m.

On motion the following teachers warrants were granted.

Mary V. Scantlin	one months teaching	\$40.00	
Lou C. McKee	one months teaching	40.00	
Martha Bayne	one months teaching	40.00	
Esther Gregg	one months teaching	40.00	
Mina A. Scott	one months teaching	40.00	
Wm. Sturgeon	two months teaching	80.00	
Lida J. Wallace	one months teaching	40.00	
Robbie M. Walker	one months teaching	45.00	
M.J. Dickson	one months teaching		40.00

On motion warrants were granted for the following bills

A. W. Enlow - Surveying School lots Nos. 2 and 7	\$ 6.00	
R. V. Thompson coal to No. 4		7.80
Vincent Miller - sundry articles No. 4	1.30	
Saml. Dickson - sundry articles Coal No. 8	19.16	
	AMOUNT	\$439.26

On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

ELECTION GROUNDS FEB. 16TH, 1875

Board met at the call of the President. President Miller in the chair with the full Board of members present. The President stated that the object of this called meeting was for the purpose of taking some action in regard to the complaint lodged by Miss Martha Bayne, teacher at No. 9 sub-district against Harry Meredith a pupil of said school. After hearing the statement of the visiting committee of No. 9 school with regard to the conduct of Harry Meredith pupil in said school of at least two different times.

On motion it was unanimously agreed that Harry Meredith was guilty of refractory and incorrigibly bad conduct and that the said Harry Meredith be expelled from the benefit of the privileges of school for the remainder of the school term.

On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson (Sec.)

OAKDALE MARCH 13TH 1875

School Board met at the call of the President for the purpose of adjusting the papers for securing the site on which No. 7 school house is erected. President Miller in the chair with a full Board of members present. The building committee through their chairman reported that they had the agreement written with Mr. Geo. S. McKee (which agreement was read) also the petition to the court to have viewers appointed to view Mr. John Stonecipher's land (which was also read) and only required the signature of the president and secretary to complete the aforesaid papers.

After hearing the report of the building committee - on motion it was agreed to accept the report and continue the committee by a vote calling on the yeas and nays in which all the members voted in the AFFIRMATIVE.

On motion resolved that we do now order the signature of the president and secretary to be affixed to the agreement with Geo. S. McKee. Affirm - Campbell, Gregg, J.R. McMichael and Dickson. Negative - Miller, Mathews. After the vote had been taken, president Miller took his hat and tendered his resignation as president, and also as a member of the Board. Whereupon Mr. J. R. McMichael was immediately chosen president "pro tem".

On motion resolve that we do now order the signature of the president and secretary to be affixed to the petition to the court to appoint a jury of viewers to assess damage with regard to Mr. John Stonecipher's land. Pending the discussion Mr. John Mathews tendered his resignation. Affirm - J. R. McMichael, Campbell, Gregg and Dickson

On motion it was agreed to accept the resignation of Messrs. Miller and Mathews.

On motion it was agreed that we elect a permanent President for the remaining part of the school year.

On motion Mr. J. R. McMichael was chosen President.

On motion Messrs. John McMichael and Samuel Hopper were appointed to fill the vacancies by the resignation of Miller and Mathews.

On motion adjourned.

Samuel Dickson, Secretary

OAKDALE MARCH 27TH 1875

Board met pursuant to adjournment President J. R. McMichael in the chair. Members all present. Minutes of Dec. 26th 1874, Feb. 16th and March 13th 1875 were read and approved. Messrs John McMichael and Saml. Hopper who were appointed to fill the vacancies by the resignation of Miller and Mathews at the meeting of the March 13th appeared and were admitted as members for the remaining school year. Mr. Gregg com. on repairs No. 5 reported the work completed.

On motion the report was accepted and the com. discharged. The building com. reported that the petition had been handed in to court.

On motion the report was accepted and com. continued. A bill for schooling Arch D. Marshalls children was presented by Findley Tp. amounting to \$31.24.

On motion the bill was received and a warrant granted.

On motion it was agreed to grant No. 3 school-house for a summer school provided the house is left in good order. Proff. Jas. Dickson being present was invited to deliver an address.

On motion the warrants issued by the sec. since the last meeting of the Board amounting to \$718.60 dollars was approved.

On motion the warrants issued at this meeting be approved

On motion it was agreed that the secretary be authorized to issue warrants until the next regular meeting.

On motion it was agreed to meet at No. 1 school house on the 1st Monday in June at 9 o'clock a.m.

On motion it was agreed to accept Col. Simpson's list of exonerations amounting to \$180.00

On motion adjourned.

SCHOOL HOUSE NO. 1. APRIL 8TH 1875

Board met at the call of the president members all present. The president stated that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of filling up the necessary papers that Miss Esther Y. Gregg may make application for a permanent certificate.

On motion it was so ordered

On motion meeting adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

SHIRLAND MAY 27TH 1875

Board met at the call of the president. Present McMichael, Campbell, Gregg and Dickson. The president stated the object of the meeting was for the purpose of filing up the papers that Mr. Wm. M. Sturgeon may make application for a permanent certificate.

On motion it was so ordered On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

NO 1 SUB-DISTRICT JUNE 7TH 1875

Board met agreeable to adjournment. President J. R. McMichael in the chair. Members present J. R. McMichael, Alex Campbell, Saml. Hopper, John McMichael and Dickson. Minutes of March 27th and of the special meetings of April 8th and May 29th were read and approved.

The building committee reported that the land of John Stonecipher taken for school purposes had been viewed and that the viewers awarded damages to the amount of \$100.00 to the said Stonecipher, and that the award of the viewers was confirmed by the Court absolute on the 8th day of May and that the said award was paid by Saml. Dickson (sec. of the Board) to A. W. Shafer, Atty. for the said Stonecipher on 5th day of June and the Docket satisfied by the said A. W. Shafer. Also, that the Court costs \$5.25 dollars and \$20.00 fees to John G. Bryant, Atty. for the School Board all of which have been received for.

On motion the report was accepted.

On motion a warrant was granted to Saml. Dickson for \$125.00 amount embraced in the foregoing report.

On motion J. C. Marks was granted special exonerations amounting to \$12.95 and a warrant granted for the same.

On motion warrants to the amount of \$220.50 granted by the sec. since the last regular meeting was approved.

On motion a warrant was granted to Saml. Dickson for \$8.50 for time and expenses in procuring school site No. 7 sub-district.

On motion a warrant for \$20.00 was granted Saml. Dickson for services rendered as Secretary for the present school year.

On motion a warrant was granted in favor of J. C. Marks for \$9.00 for ruling and furnishing duplicates for the present school year.

On motion adjourned "sine die"

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

THE DIRECTORS OF NORTH FAYETTE DISTRICT REPORT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN JUNE 1875.

Amount levied for school purposes	\$2147
Amount levied for building purposes	1807
Total amount levied	\$3955

State appropriation	\$346.75	
Balance on hand from last year		174.14
From collection, including taxes of all kinds	3742.02	
From all other sources	23.88	
Total receipts		\$4286.79
Purchasing grounds	\$ 150.25	
Building and furnishing houses		1547.60
For teachers wages	2221.24	
For fuel and contingencies	170.42	
For Treas. fees	123.38	
For salary of Secretary		20.00
Total expenditures		\$4232.89
Cash on hand		53.90

Witness our hands this seventh day of June 1875

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

NO 1 SUBDISTRICT JUNE 7TH 1875

The School Board organized for the ensuing school year by the election of John R. McMichael, president, and Saml. Dickson secretary. A vacancy occurring by the resignation of John Mathews on March 13th of past school year. On motion Mr. Wm. H. Clark was appointed for fill the vacancy for the ensuing school year. Mr. Clark appearing and in a neat and appropriate little speech accepted the appointment and was cordially received as a member of the Board for the ensuing school year.

On motion the Board then adjourned for dinner. After dinner the Board was called to order by the president.

On motion it was agreed to discontinue No. 8 school

On motion it was agreed to build a new school house in No. 5 sub-district similar to No. 7 house.

On motion it was agreed that teachers salary shall be \$40.00 per month except No. 3 sub-district shall be \$45.00 per month.

On motion it was agreed to keep the school open six months the ensuing school year.

On motion a building tax of one mill was levied.

On motion it was agreed to levy 1 1/8 mills for school purposes.

On motion Saml. Dickson, Alex. Campbell and J. R. McMichael were appointed a committee to complete No. 7.

On motion it was agreed to open the schools on the 1st Monday of September

On motion a committee of 3 was appointed to build a house in No. 5 sub-district. The President appointed John McMichael, Saml. Hopper and Wm. H. Clark that committee.

On motion it was agreed that the Board shall meet to locate and procure the site for No. 5 school house.

On motion it was agreed to meet at No. 5 school house on Saturday the 19th day of June at 1 o'clock p.m.

On motion Saml. Dickson was appointed a committee to sell No. 8 school house.

On motion a warrant was granted Mr. Weirich for \$3.50 for dinner.

On motion a warrant for \$3.50 was granted J. J. Mathews coal to No. 3 for school year 1875.

On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

Roll of members of the School Board for year ending June 1876:

J. R. McMichael
Alex. Campbell
John McMichael
Saml. Hopper
Wm. H. Clark
Saml. Dickson

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 5, JUNE 19TH 1875

The School Board met agreeable to adjournment. President J. R. McMichael in the chair. Members all present. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Committee on the selling of number 8 school house reported. The report was accepted and the com. continued.

On motion it was agreed to reconsider the motion to discontinue No. 8 school. After hearing the committee sent by the patrons of No. 8 sub district and considerable discussion pro. and con. the vote recurring on the original motion with the following result the yeas and nays being called:
Yeas: J. R. McMichael, Alex. Campbell, John McMichael, Saml. Hopper, W. H. Clark.
Nays: Saml. Dickson

On motion it was agreed to reconsider the motion to levy 1 1/8 mills for school purposes.

On motion it was agreed to amend the motion by striking off the 1/8 mill. The vote recurring on the original motion as amended was agreed to(o). The president being obliged to leave for the remaining part of the evening Mr. W. H. Clark was elected president pro tem. The Board then proceeded to select a site for the erection of No. 5 school house but failing, adjourned to meet at No. 1 on Saturday June 26th 1875 at 1 o'clock p.m.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 1 JUNE 26, 1875

The School Board met agreeable to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

On motion it was agreed to locate the No. 5 school house on lands of John Walker. The following preamble and resolution was then offered:

Whereas - In former years certain sub districts have laid before the Board of Directors petitions praying the election of a particular teacher and generally signed by only a part of the residents of the district thereby clogging the action of the Board and occasioning dissension and ill feeling. Therefore be it Resolved: That this Board of Directors take no notice whatever of petitions for teachers unless presented from a full meeting of the sub-district and by resolution expressing their wishes signed or assented to by all the residents of the district from whence the petition may be presented. After being read twice.

On motion it was agreed to strike out the words full meeting in the third line of the resolution and insert the words "majority of the patrons at a full meeting".

On motion the preamble and resolution was then passed.

On motion it was then agreed to grant the Methodist Episcopal Society of Oakdale the use of the No. 9 school house to hold preaching in provided the Society take good care of and keep the house clean.

On motion it was then agreed to place the building of No. 5 school house in the hands of the building committee entire reserving the right to the Board to let the contract and to receive the building after it is completed

On motion it was then agreed to meet at Oakdale on the 7th day of July to receive proposals for the erection of No. 5 house.

On motion it was then agreed to meet at Oakdale on the 14th day of August at 1 o'clock p.m. to elect teachers and other business.

On motion a warrant was granted to W. A. Thompson for articles furnished No. 6 school.

On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

OAKDALE JULY 7TH 1875

School Board met agreeable to adjournment. President J. R. McMichael in the chair. Members all present. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved as read. After the reading of the minutes there being several representatives from the northwest corner of the township present on motion it was unanimously agreed to grant those present the privilege of a hearing in which privilege all availed themselves of earnestly against the proposed school site in No. 5 sub district.

On motion it was then moved to reconsider the location for the No. 5 school house. There being a tie vote to reconsider it was lost. The building committee then reported progress which was on motion sustained.

On motion the Board then proceeded to let the contract for the building of No. 5 school house which was awarded to Henry Adams for \$1025.00 and \$3.00 per perch for the stonework all agreeable to plans and specifications.

On motion it was agreed to reconsider the motion passed at the last meeting to elect teachers on the 14th of August. The vote recurring on the original motion it was lost.

On motion it was then agreed to meet at Oakdale on the 7th of August to elect teachers and the transaction of other business at 1 o'clock p.m.

On motion adjourned

Saml. Dickson, Sec.

NO 8 SCHOOL HOUSE JULY 24TH 1875

Board met at the call of the President. President J. R. McMichael in the chair. Members all present. After the Board convened Mr. Ach'd Marshall of the committee from No. 5 sub district to carry and lay before the School Board a petition of the patrons of the said No. 5 sub district presented said petition signed by 27 of the said patrons praying the School Board to change the location of the site for the new school house about to be erected from the lands of John Walker near Hugh Lusk to that of John McMichael at or near the end of the Joseph Partridges' lane.

After considerable discussion pro and con. on a privilege question, it was then moved to reconsider the motion to locate on John Walker's lands. The vote being called three members voted on the affirmative and three on the negative which by law decided the motion lost.

On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Sec.

OAKDALE AUG 7TH 1875

School Board met pursuant to adjournment. President J. R. McMichael in the chair. Members all present. Minutes of the two previous meetings read and approved.

On motion the Board then proceeded to the election of teachers to fill the different schools with the following result:

- No. 1 Miss Mary V. Scantlin
- No. 2 Mr. William Sturgeon
- No. 3 Mr. A. Wallace
- No. 4 Miss Mattie Waugh
- No. 5 Miss Lide J. Wallace
- No. 6 Miss Lizzie Cox
- No. 7 Mr. M. J. Dickson
- No. 8 Miss Robbie M. Walker

On motion the following visiting committee was agreed to(o).

- No. 1 Clark and Hopper
- No. 2 Campbell and J. R. McMichael
- No. 3 Hopper and Clark
- No. 4 Hopper and John McMichael
- No. 5 John McMichael and Dickson
- No. 6 Dickson and John McMichael
- No. 7 J. R. McMichael and Dickson
- No. 8 All members of the Board

On motion it was agreed to open No. 5 school at such a time as the new house may be completed.

On motion it was agreed to loan Henry Adams \$350.00 for 60 days.

On motion it was agreed to meet at No. 5 when the new house is completed.

On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

NO. 5 SCHOOL HOUSE OCT. 9, 1875

Board met pursuant to adjournment. President J. R. McMichael being absent Mr. Alex. Campbaell was on motion elected President pro tem. Members present Alex Campbell, John McMichael, Saml. Hopper, W. H. Clark, Saml. Dickson. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

On motion the following warrants were granted:

Miss Mary V. Scantlin	one months teaching	\$40.00	
Mr. Wm. Sturgeon	one months teaching	\$40.00	
Mr. Arthur Wallace	one months teaching	\$45.00	
Miss Mattie Waugh	one months teaching	\$40.00	
Miss Lizzie Cox	one months teaching	\$40.00	
Mr. M. J. Dickson	one months teaching	\$40.00	
Miss Robbie M. Walker	one months teaching	\$40.00	
Martin Logan - coal No. 6 100 bu. @6 1/2 cts			6.50
S. Dickson - specifications No. 5		5.00	
David Stewart - repairs No. 2 and 3		14.85	
J. R. McMichael - 150 bu. coal No. 7		9.75	

On motion the new No. 5. school house was accepted by the Board from contractor Henry Adams.

On motion a warrant was granted in favor of Henry Adams for \$816.00 balance of contract.

Total amount of warrants granted. **\$1137.10**

On motion it was agreed to meet at Oakdale on the 3rd Saturday (18th day of) Dec. at 10 o'clock a.m.

On motion it was agreed that the Secretary notify David McCrory to send his children to No. 5 and cease sending to No. 1.

On motion it was agreed to sell the old No. 5 school house.

On motion John McMichael and W. H. Clark was appointed a committee to sell the old No. 5 schoolhouse. On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Sec.

OAKDALE DECEMBER 18TH, 1875

Board met pursuant to adjournment. President J. R. McMichael in the chair. Members present - J. R. McMichael, Alex. Campbell, John McMichael, Saml. Hopper, W. H. Clark, Saml. Dickson. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. The secretary reported that notice was given to Mr. David McCrory to cease sending his children to No. 1. Copy of notice read in the hearing of the Board. The committee appointed to sell the old No. 5 school-house reported that the house has not yet been disposed of. On motion the report of the committee was accepted and com. continued.

On motion John McMichael and Saml. Dickson were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. John Walker with regard to No. 5 school lot and report at the next meeting of the school board

On motion it was agreed to request all our teachers to close the schools during the holiday week; the Board agreeing to pay the teachers for 22 days.

The following warrants were granted and approved:

Mary V. Scantlin	one month	\$40.00
Mary V. Scantlin	one month	\$40.00
Mattie Waugh	two months	\$80.00
Lide J. Wallace	two months	\$80.00
Arthur Wallace	two months	\$90.00
Robbie M. Walker	two months	\$80.00
Lizzie Cox	two months	\$80.00
Wm. Sturgeon	two months	\$80.00
TOTAL		\$570.00 (Ed. copied

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J. J. Snodgrass	furniture	\$141.40	
Lide Wallace	sundries No. 5	3.95	
J. W. Tidball	dinner	4.30	
Saml. Hopper	repairs No. 4	16.00	
John McMichael	sundries No. 5	15.00	
Jos. Farmer	coal No. 1	6.50	
W. S. Thompson	stoves	25.00	
J. A. Grinage	repairs No. 6	25.00	
H. Adams	repairs No. 9	38.15	
J. R. McMichael	sundries No. 9	3.00	
Arthur Wallace	sundries No. 3		1.37
Total		\$279.67	
carried from above		\$70.00	
TOTAL		\$849.67	

On motion it was agreed to meet at Oakdale on the 3 Saturday of February 1876 at 10 o'clock a.m. On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

OAKDALE FEB. 19TH 1876

School Board met pursuant to adjournment. President J. R. McMichael in the chair. Members present - J. R. McMichael, Alex Campbell, Saml. Hopper, W. H. Clark, Saml. Dickson. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. The committee previously appointed to sell the old No. 5 School house reported that the house had been disposed for \$27.00 (Twenty-seven Dollars) - thirty days time.

On motion the report was received and the com. instructed to collect the money.

On motion the committee on No. 5 school lot was continued.

On motion it was agreed to appropriate \$10.00 to the Centennial Bureau, Department of Public Instruction.

On motion Mr. W. H. Clark was appointed a committee to confer with the citizens of Oakdale with regard to No. 8 school property.

On motion the following warrants were granted:

Wm. Sturgeon	two months teaching	\$80.00	
A. H. Wallace	two months teaching	\$90.00	
Lide J. Wallace	one months teaching	\$40.00	
Mary V. Scantlin	one months teaching	\$40.00	
Mattie Vaughn	two months teaching	\$80.00	
Total		\$330.00	

Wm. Sturgeon	bill	1.00	
J. A. Tidball	bill	2.50	
W. A. Thompson	bill	3.06	
Saml. Dossin	bill	9.39	
H. McGill	bill	9.10	
McLarn and Stewart	bill	6.24	
H. W. Hoffman	bill		6.82
carried forward		368.11	
E. Bell	bill	11.00	
D. Campbell	bill	11.70	
Saml. Dickson	bill	1.50	
carried forward		24.20	
carried forward		368.11	
TOTAL		\$392.31	

On motion it was agreed to meet at Oakdale on the 18th day of March at 9 o'clock a.m.

On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

OAKDALE MARCH 18, 1876

School Board met pursuant to adjournment. Members present - J. R. McMichael, Alex Campbell, Saml. Hopper, W. H. Clark, Saml. Dickson. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

On motion the committee on No. 5 school was continued with instructions to complete the contract and execute all necessary papers in behalf of the Board.

On motion the committee on the sale of No. 5 school house was continued with instructions to collect the money previous to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion Mr. Charles Weirich was granted an abatement of \$9.00 on school tax for the year ending the 1st Monday in June 1876.

On motion adjourned for dinner. 1 o'clock the Board convened.

On motion it was agreed that the officers of the Board shall grant warrants for the completion of the fence around No. 7 school lot.

On motion Saml. Dickson was appointed a committee (in behalf of the School Board) to attend the Sheriff sale of the McCandless property with regard to the school property "donated" to North Fayette School district by C. H. Love.

On motion it was agreed that the committee should use his own discretionary judgment on the day of the sale.

On motion it was agreed that the School Houses should be numbered as follows:

McGills	No. 1
Oakdale	No. 2
Noblestown	No. 3
Sturgeons	No. 4
HalfCrown	No. 5
Shirland	No. 6
McKees	No. 7
Potters	No. 8

On motion the following warrants were granted to teachers and for bills:

Teachers warrants:

M. J. Dickson	\$200.00
Mary V. Scantlin	40.00
Wm. Sturgeon	40.00
A. H. Wallace	45.00
Mattie Waugh	40.00
Lizzie Cox	120.00
Robbie M. Walker	120.00

Warrants for bills:

M. J. Dickson	1.60
Wm. A. Thompson	.25
J. A. Tidball	2.75
M. V. Scantlin	.55
J. F. Whitmore	.60
A. H. Wallace	.63
E. Bell	1.63
Jos. Farmer	7.47
J. R. McMichael	57.54
Saml. Dickson 1 salary as sec.	25.00

TOTAL \$703.04

On motion the next regular meeting shall be at Oakdale on the 1st Monday of June at 9 o'clock a.m. On motion adjourned.

Saml. Dickson, Secretary

JUNE 5TH 1876

Board met according to adjournment. President - J. R. McMichael in the chair. Members present - J. R. McMichael, Alex. Campbell, John McMichael, Saml. Dickson. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Committee on No. 5 reported.

On motion the report was accepted and committee discharged. Committee to attend the sheriff sale of the McCandless farm at Oakdale made report.

On motion the report was accepted and committee discharged.

On motion it was agreed with Richard Crook's agent for John Walker for one acre land as a school site where the No. 5 school house now stands for the consideration of One Hundred Dollars.

On motion the following warrants were granted:

Saml. Dickson	\$115.25
J. C. Marks	14.70
Saml. Dickson	5.00
John Flowers	104.40
John McMichael	2.12
Richard Cooks (Agent for John Walker)	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 341.47

The committee on No. 7 made report.

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion Collector - Robert Simpson be exonerated to the amount of \$75.98.

On motion adjourned sine die

Saml. Dickson, Sec.

JUNE 5TH 1876

The Board of Directors organized by electing John R. McMichael President and H. E. McBride, Secretary. Members all present - Alexander Campbell, John McMichael, John R. McMichael, Samuel Hopper, George W. Hoffman and H. E. McBride.

On motion it was decided that the length of the school term for the present year be six months.

On motion it was decided that the salary be to experienced teachers forty dollars per month and to inexperienced teachers thirty-five dollars per month.

On motion it was decided that one mill be levied for school purposes.

On motion it was decided to build a two story school house in No. 3 sub-district.

On motion it was agreed that one third of the money required for building be raised by taxation the present year, and that the remainder of the money be borrowed and paid in two annual installments.

On motion it was agreed that one half mill be levied for building purposes.

On motion the President appoint a committee to ascertain if money can be borrowed at six per cent for building purposes. The President appointed that committee - George Hoffman and Samuel Hopper.

On motion the Board decided to meet at Noblestown on Friday, June 30th, at 1 o'clock p.m. On motion adjourned.

J. R. McMichael, Pres.
H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, JUNE 30TH, 1876

Board met according to adjournment at No. 3 School House.

Members all present at roll call. Alexander Campbell, George W. Hoffman, John McMichael, John R. McMichael, Samuel Hopper and H. E. McBride.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed to ascertain if money could be borrowed at six-percent for building purposes reported that so far as they knew it could not.

On motion the following motion passed at the previous meeting was reconsidered, viz: "On motion it was agreed that one third of the money required for building purposes be raised the present year by taxation, and that the remainder of the money be borrowed and paid in two annual installments."

The question recurring on the original motion it was decided in the negative.

It was then moved that a tax of one and one third mills be levied for building purposes. Lost.

On motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed to ascertain if a room in or near Noblestown can be rented to be used as a school room during the ensuing term.

President appointed on that committee, Alexander Campbell and John McMichael.

On motion it was agreed that the meeting to elect teachers be held at No. 2 School House (Oakdale) on Friday, August 4th at one o'clock p.m.

A bill was presented by J. W. Flowers for work and contingencies for No. 8. Amount \$14.64. Warrant granted.

On motion it was agreed that a tax of one fourth mill be levied for building purposes.

On motion a committee be appointed to procure furniture for the new school room.

President appointed on that committee, Geo. W. Hoffman and Samuel Hopper.

On motion Collector Robert Simpson was exonerated from the collection of Richard Woods's tax.

On motion the preamble and resolutions of last year in regard to the election of teachers, was adopted for the present year.

On motion it was agreed to have Articles of Agreement between Directors and Teachers.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at Oakdale (No. 2) on Friday, Aug. 4th.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

AUGUST 4TH 1876

Board met according to adjournment at No. 2 (Oakdale) School House.

Present at roll call: Alexander Campbell, George W. Hoffman, John McMichael, John R. McMichael, Samuel Hopper and H. E. McBride.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, on motion, adopted.

A. Campbell, chairman of committee to procure a room for the Primary Department of the Noblestown School reported it probable that two rooms could be procured. On motion the committee was continued.

G. W. Hoffman, chairman of committee on furniture reported progress and asked to be continued.

On motion it was agreed that No. 4 School House be repaired.

On motion it was agreed that Bensing J. Lossing's United State History be introduced as one of the text books of the schools.

The following paper was laid before the Board and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

"No. 8 School room, Aug. 2nd, 1876.

According to previous notice a meeting of the patrons of No. 8 school district was held at the afore mentioned school room for the purpose of expressing their wishes in

regard to the selection of a teacher for No. 8. Rev. F. A. Hutchinson was chosen chairman and G. W. Baldwin, secretary. Willa Z. Matthews and M. J. Dickson were nominated for teacher. Miss Matthews received twelve votes and Mr. Dickson received two votes. On motion Miss Matthews was unanimously made the choice of the meeting for the position of teacher. G. W. Baldwin, Sec."

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of teachers.

Nominations were made for teachers for No. 1, 2, and 4.

Lide J. Wallace was nominated for No. 1. Arthur H. Wallace for No. 2 and Lizzie H. Miller, Morgan Hopper and Sadie Mevay for No. 4.

Lide J. Wallace was elected for No. 1. Voted for by Campbell, J. McMichael, Hopper, Hoffman, J. R. McMichael and McBride.

Arthur H. Wallace was elected for No. 2. Voted for by Campbell, J. McMichael, Hopper, Hoffman, J. R. McMichael and McBride.

Lizzie H. Miller was elected for No. 4. voted for by Campbell, J. McMichael, Hopper, Hoffman and McBride. Sadie Mevay was voted for by J. R. McMichael.

Nominations were then made for Nos. 5, 6, and 7. Aggie S. Wilson and Clara Gregg were nominated for No. 5. M. J. Dickson, Ella Deemer, Sadie Mevay and Morgan Hopper were nominated for No. 6. Ella C. Walker and Lizzie Cox were nominate for No. 7.

Board proceed to the election of teachers for the above named schools.

For school No. 5 Aggie S. Wilson received three votes. Voted for by Campbell, McBride and J. R. McMichael. Clara Gregg received three votes. Voted for by Hopper, Hoffman and J. McMichael.

M. J. Dickson was elected for No. 6. Voted for by Campbell, McBride, Hopper, J. McMichael and J. R. McMichael. Sadie Mevay was voted for by G. W. Hoffman.

Ella C. Walker was elected for No. 7. Voted for by Campbell, McBride and Hopper, Hoffman, J. McMichael and J. R. McMichael.

There being no election for No. 5 Board proceeded to a second ballot. Aggie S. Wilson was elected. Voted for by Campbell, McBride, Hopper and J. McMichael. Sadie Mevay was voted for by Hoffman and Clara Gregg by J. R. McMichael.

Willa L. Matthews was nominated for No. 8, and, on motion, unanimously elected. Voted for by Campbell, Hoffman, Hopper, J. McMichael and J. R. McMichael and McBride.

Before proceeding to elect a teacher for No. 9, (Primary Department, Noblestown) it was on motion, agreed that the salary to the teacher of that school be \$30.00 per month. Sadie Mevay, Mattie Waugh, Morgan Hopper and Lizzie Cox were nominated for No. 9.

Mattie Waugh was elected. Voted for by J. McMichael, Campbell, J. R. McMichael and Hopper. Lizzie Cox was voted for by Hoffman and McBride.

On motion the appointment of a teacher for No. 3 was delegated to G. W. Hoffman.

On motion it was agreed that the schools open on the first Monday of September.

The President appointed the following visiting and repairing committees:

For No. 1	Campbell and J. R. McMichael
No. 2	Campbell and Hoffman
No. 3	Hoffman and Hopper
No. 4	Hopper and J. McMichael
No. 5	J. McMichael and Hopper
No. 6	McBride and J. McMichael
No. 7	J. R. McMichael and McBride
No. 8	Campbell and McBride
No. 9	Hoffman and Hopper

On motion adjourned to meet at Noblestown on the second Friday of October, at 10 o'clock a.m.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, PA. OCT. 13TH, 1876

Board met according to adjournment. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Al. Campbell, Chairman of Committee to procure a room for the Primary Department of the Noblestown school reported that two rooms had been obtained from Geo. K. Robb, agent for Mr. McBride, at \$25 for the school term of six-months.

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

G. W. Hoffman reported that the furniture for the Primary Department of the Noblestown school had been received and was all in good order except the teacher's desk.

On motion the report was accepted and the Committee continued.

G. W. Hoffman, the committee delegated to select a teacher for the advanced department of Noblestown school reported that Miss Gregg had been selected.

On motion the selection of Miss Gregg for teacher was ratified by the Board and the committee discharged.

G. W. Hoffman, chairman of Committee on repairs reported that Nos. 4 and 9 had been repaired at a cost of \$158.75 - the removal of privy at No. 4 not included.

S. Hopper reported that the clearing up of the yeard and the removal of the privy had cost \$6.00. In addition to this he had repaired the chimney, the bill for which was \$4.00. His bill for contingencies was \$1.30. total \$11.30. On motion a warrant was granted to S. Hopper for that amount.

The following bills were presented:		
Bill from J. Grinage for repairs on No. 6		\$34.85
Bill from W. A. Thompson for contingencies, No. 6		7.35
Bill from M. J. Dickson for contingencies, No. 6		1.85
Bill from H. E. McBride for fuel and contingencies No. 6		7.50
Bill from G. W. Hoffman for repairs, fuel & contingencies for No. 1, 3, 8 and 9	33.19	
Bill from J. R. McMichael for fuel for No 7	9.75	
Bill from A. Campbell for fuel for No. 2		9.75
Bill from C. C. Dunnell for furniture for No. 9	88.50	

On motion it was agreed that the established price for coal be .06 and 1/2 cents per bushel.

On motion warrants were granted for all the bills presented.

On motion it was directed that the Bible be named in the teachers' monthly reports as one of the books read.

On motion the President and Secretary were authorized to grant warrants to the teachers.

On motion adjourned to meet at Noblestown on the 1st Saturday of December at 1 o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, PA. DEC. 3RD, 1876

Board met according to adjournment. Members present: Campbell, Hoffman, Hopper and McBride.

The President being absent Alexander Campbell was elected President pro tem.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, amended so as to include C. C. Dunnell's bill, and, on motion, adopted.

Samuel Hopper reported that C. C. Dunnell had made a reduction of \$3.50 on his bill for the furniture for No. 9, on account of the condition of the Teacher's desk, and that the bill had been paid - amount \$85.00.

On motion the Committee on Furniture was discharged.

Bills were presented from the following named persons:	
Jos. Farmer - for fuel and contingencies for No. 8	\$12.75
W. A. Thompson - contingencies for No. 6	10.00
G. W. McMurray - Dinner for the Board	2.00
The following named teachers were granted warrants:	
Lizzie N. Miller - for 2nd month's teaching	\$35.00
Clara Gregg - for 2nd month's teaching	35.00
W. L. Matthews - for 2nd month's teaching	40.00

Since the last meeting the following teachers' warrants were granted by the President and Secretary,

No. 22 -Nov. 4th	M. J. Dickson- two months' teaching	\$40.00
No. 23 -Nov. 7th	Ella C. Walker - for 2nd months' teach	35.00
No. 24 -Nov. 13th	For 2nd month's teach. Lide J. Wallace	40.00
No. 25 -Nov. 13th	Mattie Waugh for 2nd month's teach.	30.00

On motion the Secretary was authorized and instructed to send a notice to the teacher of No. 8, requiring her to notify Hulick's, McCrory's and Shook's children to attend school at No. 5 (Halfcrown).

On motion a warrant was granted to Geo. K. Robb, Agent for Miller and McBride, for \$25.00 being for the rent of the rooms used as the Primary Department of the Noblestown School.

On motion it was agreed that our next meeting be on the 1st Saturday of February, at Noblestown, at 10 o'clock. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SCHOOL NO. 2, (OAKDALE) JAN. 18TH, 1877

According to a call of the President the Board of School Directors met at No. 2, Oakdale on Thursday, Jan. 18th, to investigate the charges of cruelty made against the teacher, Arthur H. Wallace, by Thomas Hepplewhite.

The members were all present.

Sworn statements of the difficulty were made by Mr. and Mrs. Hepplewhite and by the teacher, Arthur H. Wallace. An unqualified statement was also made by Thomas Hepplewhite, Jr.

After hearing all the evidence the Board, on motion, agreed to sustain the teacher.

On motion it was agreed that a committee of two be appointed to inform Mr. Hepplewhite and to caution and advise the teacher, Mr. Wallace, against whipping his scholars whilst in a passion.

The President appointed on that committee Geo. W. Hoffman and John McMichael.

On motion it was agreed that the Board give Mr. Hepplewhite the privilege of sending his children either to No. 1 or No. 2.

On motion a warrant was granted to Mr. Espy for dinner for the Board.

On motion adjourned to meet at No. 8 at 2 o'clock p.m.

SCHOOL NO. 8 2'O'CLOCK, JAN 18 (1877)

Board met according to adjournment at No. 8. All the members present.

Statements of the difficulty in this school were made by the teacher, Miss Willa L. Matthews, and by Frank and Ida Simpson. It was found that the trouble arose from a misunderstanding on the part of Frank Simpson, and with a promise from him to obey the rules of the teacher and an expression from the teacher that this was satisfactory. The matter was dropped. Two class recitations, one by the advanced arithmetic class and then by the advanced reading class, were heard, after which the Board adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN FEB. 3RD, 1877

Board met according to adjournment. All the members present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Minutes of the called meetings at Nos. 2 and 8 were read and adopted.

On motion the motion notifying Shook's, McCrory's and Herlick's children to attend school at No. 5 instead of No. 8 was reconsidered.

The following bills were presented and warrants granted for the same:

Bill from D. Johnston for insurance on the school houses of the District -	\$99.50	
Bill from G. W. Hoffman for fuel and contingencies for different schools	18.05	
Bill from Samuel Hopper for fuel, No. 4	3.90	
Bill from Henry McGill for fuel for No. 1	8.77	
Bill from H. E. McBride for fuel for No. 6	3.25	
Bill from John McMichael for fuel and contingencies for No. 5	14.85	
Bill from Geo. W. McMurray for dinner for Board	3.50	
The following teachers were granted warrants:		
Lide J. Wallace	40.00	
Authur H. Wallace	40.00	
Clara Gregg	35.00	
Lizzie H. Miller		
Aggie S. Wilson	40.00	
Milo J. Dickson	40.00	
Ella C. Walker	35.00	
Willa L. Matthews	40.00	
Mattie Waugh	30.00	

On motion adjourned to meet at Nobletown on Saturday, March 31st at 10 o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN , MARCH 31ST (1877)

Board of School Directors met according to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following bills were presented and warrants granted for the same:		
Bill from M. J. Dickson for contingencies for No. 6	\$2.55	
Bill from Lide J. Wallace for contingencies for Nol 1	1.15	
Bill from G. W. Hoffman, contingencies, No. 3		3.18
Bill from J. W. Guy, contingencies, No. 2	2.75	
Bill from Samuel Dawson for No. 2	3.00	
Bill from J. C. Marks for furnishing and making out tax duplicates	8.50	

Bill from A. H. Wallace, contingencies, No. 2	1.80
Bill from J. R. McMichael, contingencies, No. 7	.75
Bill from Geo. W. McMurray, dinner for Board	3.00

The following named teachers were granted warrants:

Lizzie N. Miller - for two month's teaching	70.00
Mattie J. Waugh " " " "	60.00
Lide J. Wallace " " " "	80.00
Ella C. Walker " " " "	70.00
A. H. Wallace " 4 " "	160.00
Clara Gregg " 2 " "	70.00
Willie L. Matthews " 1 " "	40.00
Aggie S. Wilson " 1 " "	40.00
Aggie S. Wilson (after Board meeting) 1 month's teaching	40.00

On motion, the Collector, R. Simpson's list of exonerations was accepted.

On motion a warrant for twenty-five dollars was granted to H. E. McBride for services as Secretary.

On motion R. Simpson was exonerated from the collection of the tax for the year 1876 on the Love property in Oakdale.

On motion it was agreed that the furniture in No. 9 be granted for use in the said school during the Summer term.

On motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed to borrow one hundred and sixty-dollars to supply the deficiency in the treasury.

President appointed on that committee, Alex. Campbell and H. E. McBride.

On motion adjourned to meet at No. 8, on Saturday, June 2nd, at 1 o'clock, p.m.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SCHOOL HOUSE, NO. 8, JUNE 2ND 1877

Board of Directors met according to adjournment. Members present: J. R. McMichael, John McMichael, Hoffman and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The committee appointed to borrow money to supply the deficiency in the treasury reported that \$160.00 had been obtained at the Diamond National Bank for four months at 6 percent per annum.

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion R. Simpson was exonerated from the collection of the tax on the unseated lands recently owned by Robert Potter. Amount \$2.30.

List of exonerations for 1877:

R. W. Asbury	\$1.83
Mrs. Anderson	.78
Watson Artis	.52
Jos. Ackles	.13
D. L. Boyd	.13
Tho's Brown	1.05
Tho's Conway	.16
F. J. Cox	1.05
Eugene Cole	1.05
C. W. Cook	1.05
J. W. Chambers	.13
Jos. Caldwell	1.05
S. L. Dalley	1.05
Geo. Dugan	1.05
Geo. B. Dillon	1.05
H. Edgar	.49
J. M. Ewing	1.09
Sam'l. Ewing	1.05
W. J. Evans	1.05
John Feery	1.84
Michael Fye (Frye)	.11
W. Freeman	.78
Samuel Glass	1.97
Casper Genk	1.05
Geo. Gwilliam	1.05
James Hall	1.05
David Hanna	1.05
J. M. Jenkins	1.05
C. H. Love	16.91
John Lynch	1.05
W. H. Logan	1.05
A. Lindsay	1.05
Jos. Lindsay	1.05
Sam'l. Lindsay	.13
Geo. Moon	1.05
Geo. Mardath	1.05
James Moon	1.05

D. R. McNary	1.13
Pat McDonald	.58
H. A. McBratney	1.05
M. L. McDowell	1.05
Saml. McCoy	1.05
Charles McCarty	1.05
Samuel Newton	.91
W. D. Newton	1.05
John Nipple	1.05
James Noah	1.05
A. B. Oiel	.13
H. Pace	1.05
Tho's Perkins	1.05
Geo. Ramsey	1.05
F. Rell	1.05
Mathias Reil	1.05
Geo. Spalding	1.13
J. J. Shook	1.20
F. Stuban	1.05
W. Shields	1.05
Alex Scott	1.40
Samuel Smith	1.05
Thomas Stewart	1.05
Charles Shuckhart	1.05
F. W. Shuckhart	1.05
Alf. Turner	1.05
Geo. Thompson	.13
Geo. Thompson	1.05
C. A. Vermillion	1.54
W. Westwater	1.51
H. A. Weaver	5.93
W. Walker	1.05
Elizabeth Wilson	.52
Milton Walt	1.05
Val. Walker	1.05
W. White	1.05
Henry White	1.05
James Welsh	1.05
W. Young	1.05
R. Potter (Culverson)	.23
AMOUNT	969

On motion Board adjourned sine die.

JUNE 2ND, 1877

Board organized for the present year by electing George W. Hoffman, President. The new members, Geo. W. Baldwin and H. E. McBride, presented certificates of election. On motion H. E. McBride was elected Secretary for the present year.

On motion it was agreed that the salaries be to experienced teachers \$35.00 per month, to inexperienced teachers \$30.00 per month, and that the salary to the teacher in the Primary Department in Noblestown, to be \$25.00 per month.

On motion it was decided that the length of the school term be six months.

On motion it was decided that there be no school houses built in the district this year.

Members voting aye on this question: Baldwin, McMichael and McBride. Members voting Nay - George W. Hoffman. Absent - Hopper and Campbell.

On motion it was resolved that a tax of two mills be levied for school purposes.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at A. Campbell's on the last Friday of June at 5 o'clock p.m.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

JUNE 29TH, 1877

Board met according to adjournment. Members present: Hoffman, Campbell, Hopper, Baldwin and McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and, on motion, adopted.

The last meeting having been held on the first Saturday of June instead of the first Monday, there was a doubt in the minds of the members as to whether it was strictly legal, and the business was reconsidered and transacted again.

On motion the salaries be to experienced teachers \$35 per month, and to inexperienced teachers \$30 per month. Voted for by Campbell, Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper and McBride.

It was then moved that the Board proceed to build a school house in No. 3 sub-district, (Noblestown) this year. Members voting Aye on this question: Hoffman and Hopper. members voting no: Campbell, Baldwin and McBride. The motion was decided in the negative..

On motion the motion to levy a tax of 2 mills on the dollar was reconsidered. Members voting aye: Campbell, Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper and McBride.

On motion it was agreed that there be sufficient tax levied for fencing the lots belonging to Nos. 2 and 5. Voted for by Campbell, Hopper and McBride. Hoffman voted "no" and Baldwin declined to vote.

On motion the amount levied for school purposes for the present year be \$2500. Voted for by Campbell, Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper and McBride.

On motion it was decided that our next meeting be on the last Friday of July, at the Oakdale School house, at 1 o'clock. P.M. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

OAKDALE, JULY 27TH, 1877

Board met according to adjournment. Members present: Hoffman, Hopper, Baldwin, McMichael and McBride

Mr. Dennison, agent for Harper and Brothers presented books for introduction into the schools. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

On motion Joseph McMurray was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of Mr. Campbell.

On motion the Board proceeded to elect teachers.

On motion it was agreed that the schools should be filled by electing but three teachers at one time, commencing with Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Nomination for No. 1 - Arthur H. Wallace

Nominations for No. 2 - Lide J. Wallace and Jennie Farmer

Nominations for No. 3 - Tillie McCurdy and Clara Gregg

Arthur J. Wallace was elected for No. 1. Voted for by Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper, McMichael, McMurray and McBride.

Lide J. Wallace was elected for No. 2. Voted for by Hopper, McMichael, McMurray and McBride. Jennie Farmer was voted for by Hoffman and Baldwin.

Tillie McCurdy was elected for No. 3. Voted for by Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper, McMurray and McBride. Clara Gregg was voted for by McMichael.

Nominations were then made for Nos. 4, 5 and 6.

Nominations for No. 4 - Lizzie H. Miller and Jennie Farmer and Emma Miller

Nominations for No. 5 - Ella C. Walker, Clara Gregg and Jennie Farmer

Nominations for No. 6. Milo J. Dickson and Annie Allen.

Lizzie H. Miller was elected for No. 4. Voted for by Hoffman, Baldwin, McMurray, Hopper, McMichael and McBride.

Clara Gregg was elected for No. 5. Voted for by McMichael, Hopper, Baldwin, Hoffman, McMurray and McBride.

Milo Dickson was elected for No. 6. Voted for by McMichael, McMurray, Hopper and McBride. Annie Allen was voted for by Hoffman and Baldwin.

Nominations for No. 7 - Annie E. Allen, Ella C. Walker and Amanda Doughty.

Nominations for No. 8 - Willa Z. Matthews and Clara Gregg

Nominations for No. 9 - Mattie Waugh, Emma Miller and Allie Farmer.

Jennie Farmer was elected for No. 7. Voted for by Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper, McMichael, McMurray and McBride.

Willa Z. Matthews was elected for No. 8. Voted for by Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper, McMichael, McMurray and McBride.

Mattie Waugh was elected for No. 9. Voted for by McMichael, Hoffman, Hopper, Baldwin, McMurray and McBride.

On motion the President appoint a Committee of three to advertise for proposals for making the fences around the school house lots of Nos. 2 and 5. President appointed on that Committee H. E. McBride, Jos. McMurray and John McMichael.

On motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed to procure a room for the Primary Department of Noblestown school. President appointed on that committee Samuel Hopper, Jos. McMurray and G. W. Baldwin.

On motion it was agreed that the schools should open on the first Monday of September.

On motion it was agreed that a committee should be appointed to see Mr. J. W. Guy in regard to the purchase of the old No. 7 school house. President appointed G. W. Baldwin on that committee.

On motion John McMichael was delegated the power to select a teacher for No. 5 provided Clara Gregg should not accept.

On motion it was agreed that we pay 6 cents per bushel for coal for the coming term.

President appointed the following visiting and repairing committees:

For Nos. 1 and 2 McMurray and Hoffman

For Nos 3, 9 and 8 Baldwin and Hoffman

For No. 4 Hopper

For No. 5 McMichael

For No. 6 and 7 McBride and McMurray

On motion the fencing committee was authorized to grant warrants to the persons performing the work as soon as it shall be completed.

On motion it was decided that our next meeting should be at No. 8, on the second Saturday of Oct., at 1 o'clock, P.M.

On motion the adoption of a series of Geographies was deferred until next year.

On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SPECIAL MEETING

Board met accoring to call of the President. Members present: Hoffman, Baldwin, McMichael, McMurray, Hopper and McBride.

The object of the meeting having been stated it was, on motion, agreed that a committee be appointed to take the advice of an attorney in regard to the matter of expelling three members of the Board

On motion H. E. McBride was appointed on that committee.

On motion adjourned.

Geo. W. Hoffman, Pres.
H. E. McBride, Sec.

SCHOOL HOUSE, NO. 8, SATURDAY, OCT. 13, 1877

Board convened. Members present: Hoffman, Baldwin, McMichael, McMurray, Hopper and McBride.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the Special Meeting were read and adopted.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to grant warrants to the teachers.

Bills were presented by G. W. Baldwin, John McMichael and H. E. McBride for going to Pittsburgh to take advice from an attorney and for appearing at Court.

On motion the bills were accepted and warrants granted.

The committee appointed to procure room in Noblestown for No. 9 school reported that one had been obtained.

On motion the report was accepted and committee discharged.

The committee appointed to make contracts for the building of the fences around Nos. 2 and 5 reported progress. On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued.

The committee appointed to sell old No. 7 school house reported. On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued.

On motion it was agreed that Outline Maps be bought for No. 2 (Oakdale) school. The President, G. W. Hoffman consented to act as that committee.

On motion George Thompson's children be furnished with text books by the Board.

On motion Miss Waugh, on account of sickness in an adjoining room was allowed to dismiss school for one or two weeks, as she may deem proper.

On motion the motion giving the Secretary power to grant warrants to teachers at any time was reconsidered.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to grant warrants to teachers only on the second Saturday of each month.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at No. 8, on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 10 o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SPECIAL MEETING NOV. 16TH, 1877

Board met according to call of the President. Members present: Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper, McMurray and McBride. The President stated that the object of the meeting was to take action in regard to the repeal of part of our present school law.

On motion it was decided to ask the Legislature to repeal that part of Section 2nd, as relates to the collection of the school tax. (Date of Act, March 30th, 1866). that the word "October" be inserted instead of "August", "Fifteenth day of November" instead of "First day of November", and "Tenth day of December" instead of "thirty-first day of

December". It was also decided to insert the following words in Section 3, in regard to advertising by the Treasurer: "On the fifteenth day of October, or within one week from that time".

On motion it was agreed that the notice of application be published two times in two papers.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to have the advertisement published in the "Home News" and "Weekly Commercial Gazette".

On motion the President and Secretary were authorized to grant warrants for the payment of the bills for advertising.

On motion, adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

DEC. 8, 1877

Board convened. Members present: Hoffman, McMichael, McMurray and McBride. The minutes of the special meeting were read and approved.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was deferred until the next meeting. The Secretary reported that the advertisement giving notice that the repeal of part of the special school law would be asked for at the next meeting of the Legislature, has been published in the "Weekly Commercial Gazette" and "Home News".

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The fence committee through Mr. McMurray reported that the contract for building the Oakdale fence had been given to Mr. Adams.

The committee on Maps, Mr. Hoffman, reported that the Maps had been obtained for the Oakdale school.

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Hoffman reported for Mr. Baldwin that Mr. Enos W. Pierce would pay \$20.00 for the old No. 7 School House.

On motion a duplicate warrant was granted to S. Dawson for fifty bushels of coal furnished No. 2 school in the last school year.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at School House No. 8, on Saturday, Feb. 9th at 1 o'clock P.M.

H. Elliott McBride, Sec.

SPECIAL MEETING DEC. 15TH, 1877

Board met according to call of the President. Members present: Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper and McBride.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of electing a teacher for No. 3 school.

Miss McCurdy, on account of ill health presented her resignation as teacher of No. 3 school. On motion Miss McCurdy's resignation was accepted.

On motion it was agreed to elect a teacher for No. 3 school by acclamation.

On motion James Shane was elected. Voted for by all the members present: Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper and McBride. On motion Board adjourned.

H. Elliott McBride, Sec.

SCHOOL HOUSE, NO. 8, FEB. 9TH, 1878

Board met according to adjournment. Members present: Hoffman, Baldwin, Hopper and McBride. The minutes of the two previous regular meetings and of the two special meetings were read and adopted.

The committee appointed to sell the old No. 7 School House reported progress. On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued.

The committee on fence reported that the contract had been given to Henry Adams that the work was completed and that, according to instructions, a warrant had been granted to Mr. Adams for the amount. \$137.20. Following is a copy of the Bill:

School Directors of North Fayette Twp.

To H. Adams

To 24 1/2 Pan. Board fence at Oakdale \$2.10, \$51.45

To Moving water closet at Oakdale, including nails,
lumber for vault, digging new vault and filling old vault \$10.00
To making and trimming 2 doors for closet 4.50

To 1 door lock at Oakdale and putting on	1.50	
To 1 door lock and putting on at No. 1		1.50
to 32 1/2 pan. Board fence at Half-Crown @ \$2.10 per rod	68.25	
TOTAL	\$ 137.20	

Received payment. H. Adams.

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee on advertising reported that the Notice for the repeal of the Special School Law had been published in the "Home News" and "Weekly Commercial Gazette", as before reported, and that it had been found necessary to have the affidavits of one of the publishers or employees of each paper that such notice had been published, and in accordance with this the affidavits had been procured.

On motion the bill of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged.

The following bills were presented:

From G. W. Hoffman for contingencies for No. 3 and 9	\$9.35
From Samuel Hopper for contingencies for No. 4	1.35
From H. E. McBride for advertising and affidavits	2.87
From M. J. Dickson for contingencies for No. 6	2.55
From Jos. McMurray for contingencies for No. 2	5.60
From H. McGill for Fuel for No. 1	9.60

On motion the bills were accepted and warrants granted.

On motion Miss Farmer's resignation as teacher of No. 7 was accepted.

On motion Miss Robbie M. Walker was elected to fill the unexpired term of Miss Farmer.

On motion H. E. McBride was appointed as a committee to sell the old No. 7 school house, provided E. W. Pierce does not appear at the present meeting and purchase it.

On motion Samuel Hopper was appointed a committee to repair the fence around No. 4 School House.

On motion it was agreed that our next meeting shall be at Noblestown, on Friday, March 29th, at 10 o'clock, A.M. On motion adjourned.

Reopened.

Members present: Baldwin, Hopper, McMurray and McBride.

On motion Geo. W. Baldwin was elected President.

E. W. Pierce was present and made an offer of \$18.00 for the old No. 7 School House, he agreeing to give his note for six months with W. H. Guy as security. On motion Mr. Pierce's offer was accepted.

On motion it was agreed that all teachers who wish to teach on Saturday to finish the term be allowed to do so. On motion adjourned.

H. Elloit McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, MARCH 29, 1878

Board convened. Members present: Hoffman, Baldwin, McMurray, McMichael, Hopper and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Wachob presented a Wall Map of Pennsylvania and asked that it be introduced into the schools of the District. On motion the Board agreed to take nine maps for \$40.00, Mr. Wachob agreeing to wait for the money until Sept. 1st, provided there be not sufficient money in the Treasury this present year to pay for them. Voted for by Hoffman, Baldwin, McMichael, McMurray, Hopper and McBride.

The following bills were presented:

From Lide J. Wallace - contingencies for No. 2	\$2.90
From G. W. Hoffman - rent and contingencies	25.20
From D. Campbell - fuel for No. 4	6.00

On motion the bills were accepted and warrants granted for the same.

On motion J. C. Marks's bill was accepted and warrant granted. Amount \$14.30

On motion Miller & McBride's bill for advice was accepted and warrant granted. - Amount \$20.00. Voted aye - McMichael, Baldwin, Hopper, McMurray and McBride. Voted no, Hoffman.

On motion the Secretary's salary for the past year was made \$25.00.

On motion it was agreed that the next meeting of the Board shall be at No. 8, on the 1st Monday of June, at 1 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 8 SCHOOL HOUSE JUNE 3RD 1878

Board met according to previous adjournment. Members present: Hoffman, Baldwin, McMichael, Hopper, McMurray and McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

S. Hopper for repairing fence around No. 4, presented a bill for \$5.04. On motion the bill was accepted and warrant granted.

On motion a warrant was granted to Thompson Wachob for \$40.00 for the Pennsylvania Wall Maps.

On motion the Board agreed to order 30 copies of the Annual Statement Sheet.

The Secretary reported that Enos W. Pierce had paid \$15.00 on the old No. 7 school house.

On motion Board adjourned. sine die

Board convened.

On motion of George W. Hoffman, George W. Baldwin was elected temporary President. Two of the new members presented certificates of election.

Members present: Baldwin, Hoffman, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride.

On motion George W. Baldwin was elected permanent President. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion Board decided to build a new school house. Voted aye, Baldwin, Hoffman, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride.

On motion it was agreed that a house be built for and to accommodate Nos. 2 and 3 districts. Voted aye, Baldwin, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. Voted no, Hoffman.

On motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed to examine a number of schools houses for the purpose of procuring a plan for the new building. The President appointed on that committee John McMichael, Samuel Sturgeon and J. N. Ewing.

On motion adjourned to meet at Noblestown on Saturday, June 12th at 1 o'clock P.M.

H. Elliott McBride, Sec.

THE DIRECTORS OF NORTH FAYETTE DISTRICT REPORT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN JUNE 1878

Whole number of schools	9	
Number yet required	0	
Average number of months taught	6	
Number of the meetings of the District Institute		0
Number of Male Teachers employed	3	
Number of Female Teachers employed		9
Average salaries of Males per month	\$35.00	
Average salaries of Females per month		34.28
Number of Male scholars attending all the schools of the Dist		189
Number of Female scholars attending all the schools of the Dist		175
Average daily attendance of Scholars in the District	90	
Average percentage of attendance	82	
Number of mills on the dollar levied for school purposes	1 2/3	
Number of mills on the dollar levied for building purposes	0	
Amount levied for school purposes	\$2609.90	
Amount levied for building purposes		
Total amount levied	\$2609.90	
From state appropriation for the year ending June, 1878	348.68	
Balance on hand from last year.	2.78	
From Collector, including taxes of all kinds	2507.46	
From all other sources, as sales of houses & lands	42.00	
Total receipts	2900.92	
For purchasing grounds		
For building and furnishing houses		
For renting and repairing, etc.	162.20	
For Teachers' wages	1860.00	
For fuel and contingencies	228.65	
For fees of Treasurer	86.94	
For Salary of Secretary		
25.00		
For debt and interest paid	160.00	
For other expenses	7.90	
Total expenditures	\$2530.69	
Cash on hand	370.23	

Resources in excess of liabilities
370.23

NOBLESTOWN, JULY 12, 1878

Board met according to adjournment. Members present: Ewing, Hoffman, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. The President being absent, George W. Hoffman was elected President pro tem. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Sturgeon the Board proceeded to view the different places for the purpose of selecting a site for the school house. After the places had been examined it was, on motion, agreed to locate on the hill above the spring on the Whitney property. On this motion Ewing, Hoffman, Sturgeon and McBride voted aye. McMichael voted no.

On motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed to visit Mr. Whitney and negotiate for the site selected.

On motion J. N. Ewing and G. W. Hoffman was appointed on that committee.

On motion it was agreed to request the Treasurer to extend the time of collection of the school tax with 5 per cent off until the first of October.

Proposals for the erection of the school house were then opened and the contract was awarded to James E. Cox of Mansfield.

On motion the following persons were appointed on the Building Committee: Hoffman, Sturgeon and Baldwin.

On motion it was agreed that if the contractor, Mr. Cox, shall fail to give security for performance of the work, the Building Committee shall have power to contract with the next lowest bidder.

The following resolutions were offered:

Resolved: that where the patrons of a sub-district shall hold a meeting and two thirds of the said patrons shall vote for a certain teacher, the Board shall elect that teacher in accordance with their wishes.

Resolved: that no notice will be taken of petitions circulated amongst the patrons of the schools asking that certain teachers shall be elected.

On motion the resolutions were adopted.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at Oakdale (No. 2) school house, on Saturday August 3rd, at 1 o'clock, P.M. for the purpose of electing teachers.

H. Elliott McBride, Sec.

OAKDALE, PA. AUG. 3, 1878

Board convened. Members present: Baldwin, Ewing, Hoffman, Sturgeon, McMichael and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hoffman reported that the committee had contracted with James E. Cox for the building of the school house.

On motion the report was accepted.

On motion the motion locating the school house on the Whitney property was reconsidered.

On motion it was agreed to meet at Noblestown in the evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock, to select a site for the school house.

On motion it was agreed to receive proposals for furnishing the school house with seats, chairs and desks.

On motion the Board proceeded to elect teachers for the ensuing term.

On motion it was agreed that where there is but one application for a school and the patrons are satisfied with that teacher, the said teacher shall be elected by acclamation.

On motion Lide J. Wallace was elected teacher for No. 2. Voted for by all the members of the Board.

On motion Laura M. Logan was elected teacher for No. 6. Voted for by all the members of the Board.

On motion Willa L. Matthews was elected teacher for No. 8. Voted for by all the members of the Board.

On motion Mattie J. Waugh was elected teacher of No. 9. Voted for by all the members of the Board.

On motion G. D. Hunt was elected teacher for No. 3. Voted for by all the members of the Board.

On motion George W. Hoffman was delegated the power to elect a teacher for No. 3 provided Mr. Hunt should fail to get a certificate.

On motion Lizzie A. Cox was elected teacher for No. 7. Voted for by all the members of the Board.

On motion Robbie M. Walker was elected teacher for No. 1. Voted for by all the members of the Board.

On motion Fulton Hutchinson was elected teacher for No. 5. Voted for by all the members of the Board.

On motion Mr. Sturgeon was delegated the power to elect either Miss Mevay or Miss Miller for teacher of No. 4, the one receiving the highest graded certificate to be elected.

On motion schools No. 3 and 9 shall commence on the first Monday of Nov.

On motion it was agreed that 5 cents per bushel shall be paid for coal.

On motion it was decided to offer the Noblestown school house and the lot on which it stands, at public sale on Saturday, Aug. 31st, at 1 o'clock.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at Noblestown in the evening at 7 o'clock.

Reopened

Members all present. A warrant was granted to George W. McMurray for \$1.60 for supper for the Board.

On motion Board decided to locate the school house on the corner lot adjoining the M. E. Church lot and the Catholic Cemetery. All the members voted aye on this question.

On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 20, 1878

Members present: Baldwin, Hoffman, Sturgeon and Ewing. On motion Ewing was elected Secretary pro tem.

Mr. Jardon bring present proposed to take \$400 for one acre for school site for No. 3 house in Noblestown. After some consideration Board agreed to pay \$300 for 130 perches, the amount now staked off.

On motion of Mr. Hoffman, Board agreed to pay \$350 provided the citizens pay \$25 of the said \$350. Voted in the affirmative, Hoffman, Baldwin, Sturgeon and Ewing.

On motion of Sturgeon Miss Mevay was elected as teacher for No. 4 school. Voted in the affirmative: Baldwin, Hoffman, Sturgeon and Ewing.

On motion we recommend Mr. or Miss Shane as teacher for No. 5 house, giving to Mr. McMichael the privilege of choosing a teacher for the said school.

J. Nelson Ewing, Sec. pro tem

NOBLESTOWN AUG. 31, 1878

Board convened. Members present. Ewing, Hoffman, Sturgeon and McBride. The reading of the minutes of the special meeting was deferred until the next meeting. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hoffman reported that the lot containing 130 perches had been purchased for \$350.00 - \$25 to be paid down. Citizens of Noblestown agree to pay \$25. Board - \$325. On motion the report was accepted.

Mr. Hoffman reported that the agreement with Dr. Taylor for water privileges had been acknowledged and recorded.

Mr. Hoffman reported that Mr. Hunt had failed to get a certificate.

Proposals for furniture were received. On motion the Board decided to take the Victor seats.

On motion Board decided to introduce Harper's Geographics into the schools of the District.

The school house and lot were offered for sale. Sale adjourned.

On motion Hoffman was authorized to receive the deed from Mr. Jordan, and to get the mortgage filled out for signing by the officers of the Board against the next meeting.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to procure a new warrant book.

On motion Board decided that the porch of the new school house shall be roofed and a [venetian] window placed in the gable end.

On motion it was agreed that Levi Gregg shall be allowed to send his children to No. 1 School free provided the Board of Collier township refuse to pay for their tuition.

On motion adjourned to meet at Nobletown on Saturday, Oct. 5th at 1 o'clock P.M.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN. OCT. 5, 1878

Board convened. Members present: Hoffman, Baldwin, Sturgeon, McMichael and McBride. Minutes of the Special Meeting and of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hoffman reported that the citizens of Nobletown had paid their subscription for the purchase of the school house lot and that the lot was to be paid for in July 1879 with six per cent interest.

Mr. Hoffman reported that James G. Shane had been elected teacher of No. 3. Mr. McMichael reported that Miss Etta J. Shane had been elected teacher of No. 5.

Mr. Hoffman reported that the porch of the new school house had been roofed, balustered, ceiling painted with steps at both ends at a cost of \$25. The window was placed in the gable end without extra cost on account of the alteration of the outhouse.

Teachers warrants were granted to W. L. Matthews, Lizzie A. Cox, Etta J. Shane, Robbie M. Walker, Lide J. Wallace.

A warrant was granted to James E. Cox for ninety-five dollars, being part of third payment on the new school building.

The following bills were presented and warrants were granted for the same:

G. W. Hoffman, contingencies for different schools	\$28.00	
John C. Marks - 1000 receipts		5.25
H. E. McBride - 3 warrant books	3.50	
Saml. Sturgeon - fuel and contingencies for No. 4	8.75	
John McMichael - fuel for No. 5	1.25	
Thomas Kane and Co. - furniture for Nos. 3 and 9	361.40	

On motion a committee of two be appointed to notify Mr. Gormly to remove his fence from No. 8 school grounds.

President appointed on that Committee G. W. Baldwin and H. E. McBride.

On motion our next meeting shall be at Nobletown, on the third Saturday of November at 1 o'clock.

On motion it was agreed that Mr. Sharp be employed to paint the blackboards for Nos. 2 and 6.

The old No. 3 House was sold at auction \$183.83 On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, NOV. 16, 1878

Board convened. Members present: Ewing, Hoffman, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. The President being absent Mr. Ewing was elected President pro tem.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A warrant was granted to James E. Cox for \$586.70, being the last payment on the Nobletown school house.

Warrants were granted to the following named teachers: Lide J. Wallace, Robbie M. Walker, Sadie Mevay and Etta J. Shane.

The following bills were presented and warrants granted for the same:

Robbie M. Walker - cleaning No. 1 school house	\$2.00	
W. H. Clark - fuel for Nos. 2 and 8	20.00	
E. Bell - Fuel and contingencies for No. 3 and 9	25.75	
G. W. Hoffman - contingencies for Nos. 3 and 9	126.77	
H. E. McBride - fuel and contingencies		2.25
John McMichael - fuel for No. 5	6.25	

On motion our next meeting shall be at No. 8 School House, on the third Saturday of Dec. at 1 o'clock.

On motion it was agreed that the teachers shall be allowed one day to attend the Institute at Clinton.

On motion G. W. Hoffman, G. W. Baldwin and H. E. McBride were appointed a committee to borrow \$500 for one year. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

No meeting on the 21st of Dec., but three members present. Adjourned to meet at School House, No. 8

Feb. 22nd, 1879 (These minutes had a line drawn through them but copied here for historical value)

[Board convened. Members present: Baldwin, Ewing, McMichael and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Stawalt, agent for the Reading Fire Insurance Company was present and stated that according to the policy he would pay the actual cash value of the school house previous to the burning. The following bills were presented and warrants granted for the same:

G. W. Hoffman - contingencies for No. 8]

JANUARY 25, 1879

Board convened. Members all present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Hoffman reported that through a mistake he had received \$18 in excess of the amount due him, which he would refund.

The following bills were presented and warrants granted for the same:

G. W. Hoffman - contingencies	\$3.50
W. A. Thompson - contingencies	8.08
D. M. Logan - fuel	5.00
W. J. McGill - fuel	5.00

Mr. Hoffman stated that he had received the money for the old No. 3 School House, \$183.18.

On motion the President and Secretary were authorized to notify Mr. Walker, Insurance Agent, of the burning of No. 8 school house.

Mr. Hoffman reported that Mr. Jamison would rent his house for the use of No. 8 School for the remainder of the term for \$7.00.

On motion the Board accepted the room from Mr. Jamison on the terms named and decided to continue No. 8 school.

On motion Baldwin and Hoffman were appointed a committee to prepare the house for the school

Mr. Sturgeon reported that a pupil of No. 4 school had been suspended by the teacher. After some consideration of the matter Mr. Sturgeon was instructed to see the scholar and advise him to return to school and apologize for his conduct.

On motion it was decided that our next meeting shall be at the new school house on the last Saturday of February. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride.

JAMISON'S MILL, FEB. 22, 1879

Board of Directors met according to adjournment. Members present: Baldwin, Ewing, McMichael and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Allawelt, agent for the Reading Fire Insurance Company was presented and stated that according to the Policy which had been issued by the company he would pay the actual cash value of the school house at the time it was burned down but nothing more.

The following bills were presented and warrants granted for the same.

G. W. Hoffman - contingencies for No. 8	\$9.99
John McMichael - fuel for No. 5	1.50
Geo. W. Baldwin, Repairs for No. 8	2.00
Francis Jamison - Rent for No. 8	7.00

On motion Board decided to meet Mr. Allawelt at the Oakdale Hotel, on Friday, Feb. 28, at 12 o'clock.

On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

OAKDALE, FEB. 25, 1879

Board met according to adjournment. Members present: Baldwin, Ewing, McMichael, Hoffman and McBride.

Mr. Allawelt, agent for the Reading Fire Insurance Company after valuing the school building, No. 8, previous to its destruction by fire and deducting 3 per ct. for depreciation proposed to pay \$450.00. This proposition was finally accepted by the Board, and the President, Mr. Baldwin was appointed to receive the money.

On motion Board decided to hold the next meeting at Jamison's Mill on Saturday, April 5, at 1 o'clock.

On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

APRIL 5, 1879

Board convened. Members present: Baldwin, Hoffman, Sturgeon and McBride. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved. The secretary reported that \$500.00 had been borrowed for one year and \$200.00 for nine months. On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Baldwin reported that he had seen Mr. Allawelt and had received \$443.25 being the amount of insurance, less the discount, he had agreed to pay on No. 8 school house. Mr. Hoffman stated that he had taken charge of the money, but that it could be paid over against the 16th of the present month. On motion Board decided to lend the money to Mr. Hoffman at 3 per ct. per annum until the 1st of July.

On motion it was decided that the salary of the Secretary for the present year shall be \$25.

On motion it was agreed that a committee should be appointed to employ an attorney to institute proceeding for the purpose of obtaining the part of the Noblestown school house lot now fenced in by the Catholic church of that place. voted aye, Baldwin, Hoffman, Sturgeon and McBride.

On motion G. W. Baldwin was appointed on that committee.

On motion adjourned to meet at Jamison's Mill, on Monday, June 2nd, at 1 o'clock.

H. Elliott McBride, Sec.

JUNE 14, 1879

Board convened. Members present: Baldwin, Ewing, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Baldwin reported that he had engaged an attorney, Mr. J. W. Hall, to institute proceedings against the Catholic church of Noblestown for fencing in part of the grounds belonging to the Noblestown school house. On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion the Collector was exonerated to the amount of \$63.75.

The Treasurer presented a receipt from the Prothonotary of the County of the Statement of school taxes on unseated lands, amounting to \$12.60. Accepted by the Board.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was accepted.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to publish by printed handbills the school report for the year ending June 1st, 1879.

On motion, adjourned.

Geo. W. Baldwin, Pres.
H. E. McBride, Sec.

JUNE 14, 1879

Board organized by electing G. W. Baldwin, President and H. E. McBride, Secretary.

One of the members, Mr. H. S. Thompson was present and presented his certificate of election. He was cordially welcomed by the old members to the place where trouble is always found - a seat on the School Board. Members present: Baldwin, Thompson, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride.

On motion it was decided that there shall be nine schools in the district this present year.

On motion it was decided that there shall be a six month's term.

On motion it was decided that we shall pay thirty dollars per month to teachers. Voted aye - Baldwin, McMichael, Sturgeon, Thompson and McBride.

On motion it was decided that a new house should be built in No. 8 sub-district at a cost not exceeding \$1200.

On motion the sum for contingencies and exonerations shall be \$255.00.

On motion it was decided that a tax of one mill on the dollar should be levied for building purposes and one mill for school purposes. voted aye - Baldwin, Thompson, Sturgeon, McMichael and McBride.

On motion Board decided to postpone the selection of a site for the school house until the next meeting.

On motion adjourned to meet Saturday, June 21, at 5 o'clock P.M.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

JUNE 21, 1879

Board convened. Members present: Baldwin, Thompson, Robb, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The president stated that he had signed the certificate and affidavit for the year ending June 1st.

On motion the Board decided to locate the new school house on the Farmer property, now owned by Gormley, and near the old Farmer residence. Yeas: Thompson, McMichael, Robb and McBride. Nays: Baldwin and Sturgeon.

On motion it was agreed that a building committee, consisting of three, should be appointed. President appointed on that committee, McMichael, Robb and Thompson.

On motion plans and specifications for the new school house shall be left at Shirland P.O. and at Mr. Thompson's in Oakdale.

On motion Mr. Robb was appointed a committee to see Mr. Gormley in regard to obtaining the lot selected for the school house.

On motion Board decided to receive proposals for the erection of the school house until Saturday July 5th.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at Jamison's Mill on Saturday, July 5th at 6 o'clock

H. Elliott McBride, Sec.

JULY 5, 1879

Board met according to adjournment. Members present: Baldwin, McMichael, Sturgeon, Thompson, Robb and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary reported that he had received a note from G. S. Jones, Finance Clerk of the School Department, stating that a warrant would be issued for the State Appropriation for the District.

Proposals for the erection of the school house were then opened, but the consideration of them was postponed for the present.

Mr. Robb reported that he had seen Mr. Gormley and that he was dissatisfied with the selection of a site for the school house, but that he (Gormley) would sell half an acre

adjoining Mr. Jamison's farm for school purposes, for the sum of \$50. Mr. Robb also reported that Mr. Jamison would sell half an acre adjoining Mr. Gormley, for school purposes for the same price.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin the motion to locate the school house on the corner lot belonging to Mr. Gormley was reconsidered.

There being a number of patrons of No. 8 district present, they were invited to give their views in regard to the place selected for the school house. Rev. F. A. Hutchinson and Messrs. Abraham Bell, John Matthews made remarks urging the Board to place the school house on the former site and on the old foundation. Mr. David McCrory, another patron of the school favored the new site.

After the matter had been thoroughly discussed the motion was made to locate on the corner lot of the Gormley property and was decided in the negative. On motion it was then agreed that the school house lot shall consist of one acre - half an acre to be purchased from Mr. Gormley and half an acre from Mr. Jamison and that \$50 be paid for each half acre. Yeas: Robb, McMichael, McBride. Nays: Baldwin and Sturgeon. Mr. Thompson did not vote.

A bill was presented by Mr. Baldwin for the Affidavit to be sent to the County Superintendent - amount 50 cents (Warrant No. 1)

A bill was presented by H. E. McBride for \$1.25, being for 25 Annual Statement handbills. (Warrant #2)

On motion of Mr. McMichael warrants were directed to be issued for the above named bills.

David Stewart's proposal for building the school house was as follows: "Building School House and out buildings, \$825.00. Stone work \$225 per perch - using stone of old foundation, 25 cts. less.

On motion the contract for building the school house was awarded to David Stewart.

On motion the President and Treasurer were appointed a committee to pay Mr. Jordon for the Noblestown school house lot and lift the mortgage.

On motion it was decided that the next meeting of the Board shall be at Noblestown, on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, at 10 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of electing teachers.

President appointed Mr. Sturgeon to order dinner for the Board at the PanHandle Hotel, on the day of our next meeting. On motion adjourned.

H. Elliott McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, AUG. 2ND, 1879

Board convened. Members present: Baldwin, Thompson, McMichael, Robb, Sturgeon and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Baldwin reported that he had lifted the mortgage and paid Mr. Jordan for the school house lot in Noblestown. On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Robb reported that Mr. Dickson had surveyed the lot for No. 8 school house charging \$2 therefor. On motion the report was accepted.

On motion it was agreed that when we adjourn for dinner we meet again at 1 o'clock.

On motion the building committee was requested to notify the contractor, Mr. Stewart, that the specifications for No. 8 should be signed and a contract entered into.

On motion Board resolved that as a body they would visit each school once in the term.

On motion H. E. McBride and John McMichael were appointed a committee to repair No. 6 school house.

On motion Mr. Baldwin was appointed a committee to correspond with the Noble School Furniture Co. and ascertain the price of recitation seats and teacher's desks.

On motion Board adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Board convened. Mr. H. I. Gourley was present and made a few remarks asking the Board to adopt Goff's Arithmetics. He stated that the Board of Directors of South Fayette District had decided to adopt them if the North Fayette Board would do the same. On motion the Board decided to adopt and introduce Goff's Arithmetics.

On motion it was agreed to elect the teachers in rotation, commencing at No. 1. Miss Mattie J. Waugh was unanimously elected for No. 1.

Miss Lide J. Wallace was unanimously elected for No. 2.

Miss Lizzie Miller was elected for No. 3. voted for by Baldwin, Sturgeon, McMichael, Robb and McBride. Thompson voted for Miss Galbraith.

Mr. C. R. Foster was elected for No. 4. voted for by Sturgeon, McMichael, Baldwin and McBride. Thompson and Robb voted for Miss Manson.

Miss Emma McMillan was elected for No. 5. Voted for by McMichael, Robb, Sturgeon and McBride. Thompson voted for Miss Manson, Baldwin voted for Miss Cupps.

Miss Laura M. Logan was unanimously elected for No. 6.

Miss Lizzie A. Cox was elected for No. 7. voted for by McMichael, Robb, Sturgeon and McBride. Thompson voted for M. E. Galbraith. Baldwin voted for Fannie Matthews.

Miss Annie Allen was elected for No. 8. voted for by Thompson, Robb, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. Baldwin voted for C. M. McNary.

Miss Annie M. Cupps was elected for No. 9. Voted for by Baldwin, McMichael, Robb and Sturgeon. Thompson voted for Alice S. Johnston. McBride voted for Robbie M. Walker.

On motion Mr. Sturgeon was authorized to repair the spring at No. 4.

The following committees were appointed by the President to superintend the different schools in regard to fuel, contingencies.

Nos. 1 and 2	Thompson
Nos. 3 and 9	Baldwin
No. 4	Sturgeon
No. 5	McMichael
Nos. 6 and 7	McBride
No. 8	Robb

Mr. D. Johnston, Secretary of the Board of Directors of South Fayette, appeared before the Board at this juncture and, on invitation made some remarks in regard to the adoption of Goff's Arithmetics by the Board of their district. He said that their Board had NOT decided to adopt Goff's Arithmetics if the North Fayette Board would do the same but they wanted a committee from each board to meet and make some arrangements in regard to the adoption of a series of Arithmetics.

On motion the vote to adopt Goff's Arithmetics was reconsidered.

On motion it was agreed that a committee should be appointed to meet a similar committee from the South Fayette Board to confer and made arrangements in regard to the adoption of a series of Arithmetics. On motion Thompson and Baldwin were appointed on that committee.

On motion warrants were directed to be issued to Geo. W. Baldwin for \$2.50 being for trip to Pittsburgh, and to Geo. W. McMurray, for \$3.50, being for dinner for the Board. (Warrants 3 and 4).

On motion it was agreed that the man owning the crop on school house lot No. 8, should be paid for the same.

On motion Mr. Robb was appointed a committee to make the settlement.

On motion it was decided that the next meeting of the Board shall be at Oakdale on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, at 2 o'clock. On motion adjourned.

H. Elliott McBride. Sec.

OAKDALE , AUG. 23, 1879

A joint session of the Boards of North and South Fayette townships was held at Academy Hall. G. W. Baldwin, President of the North Fayette Board, was elected President of the meeting and D. Johnston, Secretary of the South Fayette Board was elected Secretary.

The object of the joint meeting was to decide on the adoption of a series of Arithmetics for both districts. Rev. M. McKunkin, Rev. F. A. Hutchinson and Prof. John Morrow had previously been appointed and invited by both Boards to act as an examining committee and decide as to which would be the most suitable series of Arithmetics to adopt. They reported in favor of Olney's and the meeting decided unanimously to adopt that series for both districts.

A vote of thanks was tendered to this committee for the labor they had kindly undertaken and performed, after which the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF NORTH FAYETTE CONVENED. Members present: Baldwin, Thompson, McMichael, Sturgeon, Robb and McBride. Mr. Robb reported that Mr. Stewart who had contracted to build No. 8 school house, had not yet signed the article and specifications.

Mr. Baldwin reported that Mr. Warren would furnish the Goshen seats at \$4 each, charge 75 cents per foot for recitation seats and make a present of a \$7 teacher's desk. He would also agree to send the furniture to Nobletown free of charge. On motion Board decided to take the Goshen furniture for No. 8 school house.

On motion Board decided to pay 5 cents per bushel for coal.

On motion a warrant was issued to J. W. Guy for repairs on No. 2 - amount \$1.50.

On motion it was agreed that the new Arithmetics shall be left McLarn & Stewart's store in Oakdale, G. W. Hoffman's store in Nobletown and W. A. Thompson's store in Shirland.

On motion a warrant was issued to George Dickson for surveying No. 8 school house lot - Amount \$2.00. (warrant No. 5)

On motion Mr. Phillips was allowed \$6.00 for the corn which was destroyed in the building of No. 8 school house. Warrant issued - Amount \$6.00 (Warrant No. 6)

On motion a warrant was ordered to be issued to David Stewart for \$400.00 being first payment for building school house. (warrant No. 7)

Board proceeded to elect teachers to fill the vacancies occasioned by the declination of Miss Lizzie H. Miller, who was elected to No. 3 and C. R. Foster who was elected to No. 4. John P. Shane was unanimously elected to No. 4 and Miss Allie S. Johnston was unanimously elected to No. 3.

On motion the teachers were allowed two days to attend the County Institute.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SCHOOL HOUSE NO. 8, SEPT 22, 1879

Board met at the new school house No. 8. Members present: Baldwin, Thompson, Robb and McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion Board accepted the school house and ordered a warrant to be issued to the contractor, David Stewart, for the remainder of the money - Amount, \$526.25. (warrant No. 8)

Mr. Baldwin reported that the furniture for the new school house had been shipped on the 19th.

On motion Messrs. Robb and Thompson were appointed a committee to get No. 8 school house insured.

On motion the contractor, Mr. Stewart, was instructed to put a bull's eye containing the No. on the end of the new school house, at his price \$1.50.

On motion it was agreed that our next meeting shall be at the Oakdale school house, on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 2 o'clock. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

OAKDALE , OCT. 8, 1879

Board visited Miss Wallace's school. A number of the classes recited and the recitations, deportment, etc. indicated that the school was doing exceedingly well and that Miss Wallace was a very successful teacher. At the close of the school exercises the different members of the Board made remarks expressing their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the school was being conducted.

After school closed the Board convened for business. Members present: Baldwin, Thompson, McMichael, Sturgeon, Robb and McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion Board decided to fence No. 8 and Nobletown school house lots.

On motion Baldwin and Robb were appointed a committee to receive proposals and superintend the erection of the fences.

On motion Board decided to authorize Mr. Baldwin to grade the Nobletown school in such a manner as he believes to be to the advantage of the pupils in both rooms.

On motion it was agreed to meet at Nobletown school house, on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, at 1 o'clock P.M. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, OCT. 22, 1879

Board visited Miss Johnston's and Miss Cupps's schools (No. 3 and 9) and found them in a flourishing condition. At the close of the school exercises in each room remarks were made by the members of the Board, and they expressed the belief that the schools were making good progress and that they were being conducted properly.

After the schools were dismissed the Board convened for business. Members present: Baldwin, Thompson, Robb, Sturgeon and McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and warrants ordered to be issued for the same:

John D. Robb - contingencies for No. 8	\$1.60	
Samuel Sturgeon - fuel for No. 4	6.25	
G. W. Baldwin - freight and hauling	16.00	
H. E. McBride - Fuel and contingencies, No. 7		10.52
John D. Robb - Hauling furniture	1.50	

On motion Board decided to hold the next meeting at the Shirland school house on the 31st of Oct., at 1 o'clock. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SHIRLAND SCHOOL HOUSE, OCT. 31, 1879

Board met at Miss Laura M. Logan's school and found a large number of pupils in attendance, and that the school was being conducted skillfully by a thorough worker and an experience and faithful teacher. In addition to the school exercises a meeting of the school literary society was held, conducted entirely by the scholars, which certainly was very creditable.

Board convened. Members present: Thompson, Robb, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. The President being absent, Mr. Sturgeon was elected President, pro tem. Minutes of the previous meeting were made and approved.

Warrants were issued to the teachers for second month's teaching.

The following bills were presented:

E. Bell - Fuel for Nos. 3 and 9	\$15.00
Joseph Brown - Lumber for No. 2	6.09
Mr. Leslett - Repairs in No. 2.	.75
John McMichael - Fuel and contingencies	2.16
John D. Robb - Furniture for No. 8	1.75
S. A. Clarke - Furniture for No. 8	3.20
G. W. Hoffman - Contingencies. Nos. 3 and 9	6.30
D. M. Logan - Fuel for No. 6	5.00

On motion warrants were issued for the above named bills.

On the bid of Mr. Hugh Wallace for building the fences around Nos. 3 and 8 school lots was accepted.

On motion our next meeting shall be at No. 4 on Friday, No. 14, at 1 o'clock. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

(Note at bottom of page "But three members present at the meeting at No. 4")

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 3, NOV. 20, 1879

Board met pursuant to call of the President. Members present: Baldwin, Thompson, Robb and McBride. The teacher, Allie S. Johnston had suspended James

Canon, a pupil, and by request of the President she gave a statement of his conduct at school and the cause of his suspension.

Several pupils, including James Canon were called and made statements in regard to his conduct.

On motion Board decided to give James Canon permission to return to school provided he shall obey all the rules and commands of the teacher.

On motion adjourned to meet at Halfcrown school house. (No. 5) on Thursday Dec. 4 and 2 o'clock.

HALFCROWN, DEC. 4, 1879

Board met at Miss Emma McMillan's school and found it in a very prosperous condition. Miss McMillan is evidently a very successful educator. The different members present expressed themselves as well pleased with the recitations and deportment of the pupils.

After the adjournment of the school the Board convened for the purpose of transacting the regular business. Members present: Baldwin, McMichael, Sturgeon, Thompson, Robb and McBride. Minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the special meeting were read and approved.

On motion Mr. Baldwin was appointed to procure an extra key for the outside door of the Noblestown school house.

Warrants were issued to the following named teachers:

Mattie J. Waugh	\$30.00
Lide J. Wallace	\$30.00
Allie S. Johnson	\$30.00
Emma McMillan	\$30.00
Lizzie A. Cox	\$30.00
Annie E. Allen	\$30.00
Annie M. Cupps	\$30.00

A bill was presented from Hugh Wallace for \$77.50, for building the fence around No. 8 school house lot.

A bill was presented from David Stewart for \$29.50 for repairs on No. 2, 6 and 7.

A bill was presented from James C. Clark for fuel for Nos. 2 and 8.

On motion warrants were issued for the above named bills.

On motion our next meeting shall be at No. 8, on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 2 o'clock. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 8, DEC. 18, 1879

Board met at Miss Allen's School and found a large number of pupils in attendance. The school was evidently in a very flourishing condition, and the different members of the Board felt satisfied that Miss Allen was a first class teacher. A number of questions were asked by the directors and all were readily answered, which showed that the scholars thoroughly understood the studies in which they had been engaged. Miss Allen's school room is neatly and tastefully decorated with motto cards, chromos, bo(u)quets, etc. which give it a very home like and inviting appearance.

After the dismissal of the school, the Board convened for the purpose of transacting the regular business. Members present: Baldwin, Thompson, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Baldwin reported that he had procured a key for the Noblestown school house.

On motion of Mr. Sturgeon it was decided to have the school houses insured in the Allamannia Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, and the Jefferson Fire Insurance Company, of Steubenville.

Hugh Wallace presented a bill of \$11.24 for fence and board walk for No. 8. On motion a warrant was issued to Mr. Wallace for that amount.

On motion Mr. Baldwin was appointed a committee to inform Miss Johnston teacher of No. 3, that if she or her school shall disturb the teacher or school of No. 9, the matter will be investigated by the Board.

On motion our next meeting shall be at Lizzie A. Cox's school, (No. 7,) on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 2 o'clock. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

JAN. 8, 1880

Board met at Miss Lizzie A. Cox's school (No. 7). The school was small, and on this particular day Miss Ada Cox was acting as a substitute on account of the illness of the regular teacher, yet is seemed that the school was in a prosperous condition. Several classes recited after which the Board convened to transact the regular business. Members present: Baldwin, Robb, McMichael and McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Baldwin reported that the schools in Noblestown were progressing quietly and that he had thought it best to say nothing to Miss Johnston in regard to the disturbance.

The Secretary reported that he had received the insurance policies from J. S. McCluskey and that the Treasurer had forwarded the amount of premium \$46.46.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs Robb and McMichael was appointed to get the deeds for school lots, Nos. 5 and 8.

On motion Board decided to meet at Miss Waugh's school (No. 1) on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 2 o'clock, P.M. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SCHOOL NO. 1, JAN. 29, 1880

Board met at school house, No. 1. The school exercises, under the supervision of the teacher, Miss Waugh, were of a very satisfactory nature, and the members of the Board who were present, Messrs. Thompson, Sturgeon and (blank space) expressed themselves as well pleased with the recitations and performances of the pupils. They were particularly pleased with the grammar class. There being but three members present no business was transacted.

Adjourned to meet at Miss Allen's school, (No. 8) on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 o'clock P.M.

NO. 8. JAN. 31, 1880

Board convened. The Sec. being absent W. P. Taylor was elected Sec. pro tem. Moved and seconded that a Committee of the Catholic church in Noblestown, select a surveyor and School Board and a Committee of the Methodist church select a surveyor. In case that these two surveyors do not agree that these two surveyors select a third surveyor and that all three must agree, and that all parties interested must be satisfied with their decision and that the losing party pay the third surveyor. So ordered.

Moved and seconded that the surveyor select their own chain carriers and rodsmen. So ordered.

Moved and seconded that chain man and rodmen be qualified. So ordered.

Moved and seconded, provided there is a new line established each party shall be entitled to their own fence. So ordered.

Moved and seconded that the M. E. church be notified by committee. So ordered. G. W. Hoffman committee appointed.

Moved and seconded that we meet at this place on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at one o'clock. So ordered.

Moved and seconded that Robert Potter be appointed a committee to write the article of agreement. So ordered.

Moved and seconded that Daniel Ewing and G. W. Hoffman be a committee to wait on Mr. Potter and present these minutes. Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Adjourned.

G. W. Baldwin, Pres.

W. P. Taylor, Sec. pro tem.

FEB. 7, 1880

According to adjournment the Board of Directors and committee of the Catholic church met at School House No. 3. The Committee from the Methodist church was not present.

It was ascertained that the M. E. church refused to make any compromise or arrangement so that further litigation might be avoided, and the Committee from the Catholic church was not instructed to make any arrangements with the M. E. church, but only with the Board of School Directors, and so the matter was dropped with the understanding that the line should be fixed in the due course of law.

PANHANDLE HOTEL, NOBLESTOWN, MARCH 13, 1880

Board convened. Members present: Baldwin, Sturgeon, Thompson, McMichael, Robb and McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Warrants were issued to the following named teachers

Mattie J. Waugh	\$30.00
Lide J. Wallace	\$30.00
Allie S. Johnston	\$30.00
John P. Shane	\$120.00
Emma McMillan	\$90.00
Laura Logan	\$30.00
Lizzie A. Cox	\$60.00
Annie E. Allen	\$30.00
Annie M. Cupps	\$60.00

Bills were presented by the following named persons and orders on the Treasurer issued to the same:

Hugh Wallace	\$15.02
G. E. Hoffman	3.73
McLarn and Stewart	11.72
Hugh Wallace	1.00
W. R. Whitmon	2.99
J. E. Marks	8.00
E. Bell	.75
John McMichael	1.35
G. W. Baldwin	.75
J. C. Marks	.83
Geo. W. McMurray	4.00
W. B. Campbell	11.40

On motion the Treasurer and Secretary were authorized to pay Mr. Marshall the interest on the money borrowed from him and as much of the principal as possible.

On motion the Collector, R. Simpson was exonerated from the collection of school tax to the amount of \$75.65.

On motion Board accepted the receipt from the Prothonotary for unseated lands.

On motion it was decided the salary of the Secretary for the present year be \$25.00.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to accept the Registers from the teachers who had not yet finished their last month's reports and issue warrants for the same.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to procure and post up handbills of the Financial Statement of the District.

On motion adjourned to meet at No. 8, on Monday, June 7th, at one o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 8, JUNE 7TH, 1880

Board met according to adjournment. Members present: Baldwin, Sturgeon, Robb, McMichael and McBride. Absent, Mr. Thompson. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Committee of Deeds for Lots Nos. 5 and 8 reported progress. On motion the report was accepted and Committee continued.

Mr. Sturgeon reported that the fence around No. 4 was in course of erection. On motion report was accepted and committee continued.

On motion Board adjourned.

G. W. Baldwin, Pres.
H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 8, JUNE 7, 1880

Board convened. The new members presented their certificates of election. Members present: F. A. Hutchinson, John D. Robb, Samuel Sturgeon, John McMichael, H. E. McBride. On motion F. A. Hutchinson was elected President for the ensuing year. On motion H. E. McBride was elected Secretary.

On motion it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter in regard to forming a new district at Montour city. On motion the following members were appointed on that committee. John McMichael, H. S. Thompson and F. A. Hutchinson.

On motion it was decided that the length of the school term for the present year be six months.

On motion it was decided that the school shall open on the first Monday of Sept.

On motion the Rules of Order on page 170 of "School Laws and Decisions" was adopted for the government of the Board.

On motion adjourned to meet in the grove opposite the Valley church, on Thursday, June 17th at 9 o'clock, A.M.

H. E. McBride.

MONTOURS CITY, JUNE 17, 1880

Board met according to adjournment. Members present: F. A. Hutchinson, John McMichael, H. S. Thompson, Samuel Sturgeon, John D. Robb and H. E. McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Warrants were issued to:

Samuel Sturgeon for	\$20.50
To Alex McFarland for	.50
To J. W. Ferree for	2.80

On motion Board decided to build a school house similar to No. 8 near the Montour Railroad, so as to accommodate the people of Jefferystown and Montour City. All the members voted aye.

On motion it was decided to levy a tax of 1 1/4 mills for school purposes and 1 mill for building purposes. All the members voted aye.

On motion Board decided to pay teachers \$30 per month. If there should be but one teacher employed in Noblestown, that teacher shall receive \$35 per month.

On motion Board decided to meet at Noblestown on Friday, Aug. 13th, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of electing teachers.

On motion Board decided to locate the school house for the Montour city district on the lot above the stone quarry.

The following named persons were placed on the building committee: John McMichael, F. A. Hutchinson, H. E. McBride. The committee was instructed to have the school building constructed in such a way that another story can be placed on top if necessary. On motion the building committee was instructed to receive proposals for the building of the house and make the contract.

On motion Board adjourned.

F. A. Hutchinson, Pres.
H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, AUG. 13, 1880

Board convened. Members present: F. A. Hutchinson, John D. Robb, John McMichael, H. S. Thompson, Samuel Sturgeon and H. E. McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Robb, chairman of committee on deeds for No. 5 and 8 reported that he had employed an attorney to examine the Gormly and Jamison titles, but the attorney had not yet reported to him. Mr. Robb also reported that Messrs Gormley and Jamison refused to pay for the making of the deeds. On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued.

On motion the committee was authorized to have the deeds made out for Nos. 5 and 8 and pay for the same.

On motion the building committee was instructed to have the Montour school house insured by Mr. McCluskey at the same rate as the other seven houses were taken by him.

Mr. McMichael reported that Mr. Enlow had been employed to survey the school house lot (No. 10,) and that Mr. Enlow would also make the deed. He also reported that the contract for building the school house had been awarded to David Stewart, that the school building and the out-buildings would cost \$950.00 and the stone work \$2.50 per perch. On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued.

The President appointed the following committees on repairs. Nos. 1 and 2 --H. S. Thompson; Nos. 3 and 9-- F. A. Hutchinson; No. 4-- Samuel Sturgeon; Nos 5 and 10-- John McMichael; Nos. 6 and 7-- H. E. McBride, No. 8-- John D. Robb.

Mr. Sturgeon offered the following resolution: That we require the teachers to review the lessons twice every month. Unanimously adopted.

On motion Prof. Snodgrass, who was present, was invited to give his opinion in regard to District Institutes. He complied in a neat speech which was decidedly in favor of Institutes.

On motion it was decided that there shall be nine District Institutes during the term.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, each teacher shall be required to attend all the meetings of the Institute and in case of failure shall be fined \$2.00 for each time he shall be marked absent, unless a reasonable excuse can be given.

On motion Board adjourned for one hour.

RECONVENED

On motion Board decided to elect no teacher unless his or her certificate shall grade 2. All the members voted aye on this question.

On motion Miss Mattie J. Waugh was elected teacher of No. 1. all the members voted aye.

Miss Lizzie Matthews was elected teacher of No. 2. All the members voted aye.

Mr. R. C. Sturgeon was elected teacher of No. 3. voted for by Robb, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. Mr. Fulton Hutchinson was voted for by Hutchinson and Thompson.

Mr. Fulton Hutchinson was elected teacher of No. 4. Voted for by Sturgeon, Thompson, McBride and Hutchinson. Mr. Harry Clark was voted for by Robb, Miss Luella Potter was voted for by McMichael.

Miss Maggie McMillin was elected teacher of No. 5. voted for by McMichael, Sturgeon, Robb and McBride. Miss Mattie Allison was voted for by Hutchinson and Thompson.

Miss Mattie Allison was elected teacher of No. 6. Voted for by all the members of the Board.

Mr. Harry Clark was elected teacher of No. 7. Voted for by Hutchinson, Robb, McMichael and Sturgeon. Miss Luella Potter was voted for by Thompson. Mr. Harry Guy was voted for by McBride.

Mr. Wm. C. Wallace was elected teacher of No. 8. voted for by Thompson, Robb, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. Miss Mary Hutchinson was voted for by Hutchinson.

Miss Maggie Potter was elected teacher for No. 9. voted for by Thompson, Robb, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride. Miss Fisher was voted for by Hutchinson.

On motion Miss Emma Marshall was elected by acclamation as teacher of No. 10.

On motion Mr. C. C. Dunnell's proposition in regard to furnishing school house No. 10 was accepted.

On motion a warrant was cast in favor of Mr. David Stewart for \$600.00.

On motion it was agreed that the teachers should be allowed and paid for two days for attending the County Institute.

On motion it was decided to hold the first District Institute at Miss Waugh's school (No. 1) on Saturday, Sept. 25.

On motion the building committee was empowered to accept the school house at Montour city when completed and issue the warrant for the remaining payment. On motion Board adjourned.

F. A. Hutchinson, Pres.
H. E. McBride, Sec.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF NORTH FAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JUNE, 1880

Tax rate, one mill on the dollar of valuation for School purposes and one mill for Building Purposes.

RECEIPTS

From State appropriation for 1878, \$333.52	
From State appropriation for 1879, 325.91	659.43
Balance on hand from last year.	520.12
From Collector, including taxes of all kinds	2911.83
From Loans	
From County Treasurer for unseated lands	

From all other sources, as sales of houses on lands, etc.	\$41.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4096.79

EXPENDITURES

For purchasing grounds	\$351.75
For building and furnishing houses	1086.45
For renting and repairing, etc.	202.60
For Teachers' wages	1620.00
For fuel and contingencies	140.00
For fees of Collector and Treasurer	103.41
For Salary of Secretary	25.00
For Debt and Interest paid	401.45
For other expenses (Insurance on Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6 7.8-)	46.46
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3967.97
Cash on hand, Or, amount due Treasurer	125.82

RESOURCES

Cash on hand	125.82
Amount due District from all sources	
TOTAL RESOURCES	125.82

LIABILITIES

Amount due Treasurer	
Amount due on unsettled bills	\$100.00
Amount borrowed and unpaid, or debt of District	350.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$450.00

Resources in excess of Liabilities	
Liabilities in excess of Resources	\$342.18

G. W. Baldwin, President
H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 1. SEPT. 25, 1880

Miss Waugh's school was in session during the forenoon, and the exercises and recitations were very creditable. The District Institute met in the afternoon.

The members of the Board present were Hutchinson, McMichael, Thompson and Mr. McBride. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

On motion a warrant was granted to A. Bradley & Co. for \$13.50.

On motion Mr. Thompson was authorized to carry out the law in the Oakdale school in regard to the attendance of children under six years of age.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to use his judgement in regard to purchasing blank warrants, etc.

On motion Board decided to meet at the Oakdale school house, (No. 2) on Saturday Oct. 9, and 9 o'clock A.M. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

OAKDALE, OCT. 9, 1880

Board convened. Members present: Sturgeon, Thompson, Robb, Hutchinson and McBride. The school was in session during the forenoon and was exercised in a creditable manner by the teacher, Miss Matthews.

The Institute met at one o'clock and the performances of the teachers were given. After the Institute adjourned the Board met for the purpose of transacting business. The minutes of the last meetings were read and approved.

Orders on the Treasurer for one month's salary were issued to the following named teachers: Maggie D. Potter, Mattie Allison, Lizzie M. Matthews, Fulton Hutchinson, Robt. C. Sturgeon, Maggie E. McMillin, Harry E. Clark.

On motion an order was issued to Ebenezer Bell for repairs on Nos. 3 and 9 - Amount \$4.00.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at No. 6, (Shirland) on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 9 o'clock A.M.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 6, OCT. 23, 1880

Miss Allison's school was in session during the forenoon and the performances were very creditable to the teacher as well as to the scholars. A bountiful dinner was sat up after which the District Institute convened and the performances of the teachers were given. No members of the Board were present except Robb and McBride. Adjourned to meet at No. 5, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 9 o'clock.

NO. 5, OCT. 30, 1880

Miss McMillin's school was in session during the forenoon. Weather very inclement and but few teachers in attendance. members of the Board present were:

Hutchinson and McMichael. The Sec., according to direction of the Board issued warrants to the teachers on the same day. The next meeting of the Institute was appointed for Nos. 3 and 9. (Noblestown) on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 9 o'clock A.M.

H. E. McBride

NOBLESTOWN NOV. 13, 1880

The school of Mr. Sturgeon (No. 3) and Miss Potter (No. 9) were in session in the forenoon and he exercises were very creditable.

In the afternoon the District Institute met and a number of fine performances was given by the teachers.

Directors present: Sturgeon and McBride

NO 4 (STURGEON'S) DEC. 4, 1880

The Board met at Mr. Fulton Hutchinson's school. Creditable recitations were given by the pupils. Institute met in the afternoon. Members of the Board present: Hutchinson, McMichael, Sturgeon, Thompson and McBride.

Institute and Board adjourned to meet at No. 10 (Montour City.) Jan 8, 1881.

MONTOUR CITY, JAN. 8, 1881

Miss Marshall's school was in session in the forenoon, but the school was quite small. Performances creditable. Institute met in the afternoon.

Members of the Board present: McMichael, Robb and McBride.

Adjournment to meet at No. 7, on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 9 o'clock.

H. E. McBride

NO. 7, JAN. 29, 1881

Mr. Clark exercised his school in the forenoon and the performances reflected credit on both teacher and pupils. A large number of the patrons and friends of education was present.

Members of the Board present: Thompson, Robb, McMichael, Sturgeon and McBride.

Adjourned to meet at Noblestown, March 12th at 10 o'clock.

H. E. McBride

NOBLESTOWN, MARCH 12, 1881

Board convened. Members present: Thompson, Robb, Sturgeon, McMichael and McBride. The President being absent Mr. Thompson was elected President pro tem.

On motion a warrant was issued to Mr. Jamison for the amount due him for half of school house lot, No. 8, interest drawing of deed, etc - Amount \$58.53.

The following bills were presented:

W. R. Whitmore - contingencies	\$2.75	
McLarn and Stewart - contingencies	13.22	
G. W. Hoffman - contingencies		4.00
B. A. Marshall	3.65	
John McMichael - fuel and contingencies	3.25	
D. Stewart - repairs	4.00	
F. Hutchinson - contingencies	.10	
G.W.McMurray - dinner for Board	2.50	

On motion warrants were issued for the above named bills.

On motion adjourned to meet at No. 8 on Saturday, April 2nd, at 1 o'clock P.M.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO 8, APRIL 2ND, 1881

Board met for the purpose of acting on the exoneration, but the Collector was not prepared to make a final report.

Adjourned to meet at No. 8, on May 7th, at 4 o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 8, MAY 7, 1881

Board convened. Members present: Hutchinson, Thompson, Robb and McBride. The Collector was still unprepared to settle.

Mr. Robb presented the deed from Mr. Gormley for one half of school house lot, No. 8. Mr. Robb, having paid the amount, on motion a warrant was granted to him for the amount of \$53.00

The Sec. presented a bill for the Annual Statement handbills, \$1.00. Warrant issued.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at No. 8 on Monday, June 6, at 1 o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO 8, JUNE 6, 1881

Board meet according to adjournment. Members present: Hutchinson, Thompson, McMichael, Robb and McBride. The reading of the minutes of the 1st meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. McMichael, chairman of committee on Deeds for Nos. 5 and 10, reported that he had obtained the deed for Lot No. 10.

On motion Mr. Marks's bill was accepted - amount \$8.00

On motion Mr. Enlow's bill was accepted - amount 5.50

On motion Mr. McMichael's bill was accepted - amount .50

On motion mr. Logan's bill was accepted - amount .50

Warrants were issued to the above named persons for the different amounts.

On motion the Treasurer of the school fund was exonerated from the collection of school tax to the amount of \$115.24.

On motion Board adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 8, JUNE 6, 1881

Board convened. Messrs. John Kelso and David Campbell were present and took their seats as members of the Board. Members present: Hutchinson, Thompson, Robb, Kelso, Campbell and McBride.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, H. S. Thompson was elected President of the Board for the ensuing year. H. E. McBride was elected Secretary.

It was moved and seconded that one new school house shall be built and No. 5 removed to another site. After some discussion the motion was lost, two members voting

in favor and two against. Mr. Hutchinson was not prepared to vote, but expressed a desire to investigate the matter and inform himself so that he could vote understandingly, and accordingly. The Board adjourned to meet at No. 5, on Monday, June 13th, at 5 o'clock.

H. E. McBride

A heavy rain fall about the house of the meeting prevented the members of the Board from being in attendance. Members present: Campbell, Kelso and McBride. They decided to call a meeting for June 16th, at 1 o'clock.

NO. 5, JUNE 16, 1881

Board convened. Members present: Hutchinson, Thompson, Campbell, Kelso, Robb and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A large number of the patrons of this school, (No. 5) were present and manifested considerable interest in the matter of building a new house.

It was moved and seconded that one new school house shall be built this year and No. 5 removed to another site.

The President invited the patrons of the school to give their views on the matter and remarks were made by A. J. Jardine, J. R. Kelso, Mark Kelso, Robert Thom, G. B. Logan, H. R. Wilson, John McMichael and G. M. McKee, and by all the members of the Board.

The vote was then taken with the following result: Ayes, Hutchinson, Kelso, McBride. Noes, Thompson, Robb, Campbell.

On motion Board proceeded to levy the tax and make arrangements for the ensuing year.

On motion it was decided to have a six months term. All members voted "aye" on the question.

On motion it was decided to pay the teachers \$33 per month. All the members voted "aye" on the question.

On motion of Mr. Campbell it was agreed to take up again the question of building a school house.

Mr. Henry Crooks proposed to give \$400.00 for the No. 5 school house, the Board to get all the furniture, viz: the teacher's desk, all the seats and desks, the recitation seats, the clothes hooks, the stove, and the middle window on each side of the house

including the shutters for those two windows, and the use of the school house until the 15th of March 1882.

On motion Board then agreed to build a new school house and sell No. 5 to Mr. Crooks on the terms named above. Yeas. Hutchinson, Robb, Kelso, Campbell and McBride. Mr. Thompson did not vote.

On motion Board re-considered the motion on Teacher's salaries. All the members voted aye.

On motion it was decided to pay the teachers \$30 per month.

On motion it was agreed that the new school house to be built this year shall be the one to be located on the pike or in the old North Star sub-district.

On motion it was decided to levy 1 1/4 mills for school purposes and 1 mill for building purposes. All the members voted aye.

On motion Kelso and McBride were appointed the building committee

On motion the building committee was empowered to advertise for proposals and award the contract.

On motion, the building committee was authorized to grant warrants to the contractor, provided money should be needed before the building is completed.

On motion our meeting for the election of teachers shall be at Noblestown, on the first Monday of August, at 10 o'clock.

On motion Board decided to locate the new school house on a lot near Mr. Joseph Patridge's house, on the north side of the pike. All the members voted aye.

On motion the Board authorized the building committee to take advice from an attorney in regard to forcing a site and taking the lot from Mr. Patridge and to do all necessary business pertaining thereto: The Committee was also authorized to call a meeting of the Board when they deemed it necessary. On motion adjourned.

H. S. Thompson, Pres.
H. E. McBride, Sec.

SPECIAL MEETING JULY 18, 1881

Board met on the ground selected for No. 11 School House. Members present: Thompson, Kelso, Campbell and McBride.

A motion was made that the Board abandon the site first selected for the school house and locate farther west on a lot which was given the name of the "Three Walnuts". Amended that we locate at the "Three Walnuts" provided we fail to secure the first location. The amendment and motion were lost.

On motion Board decided to let the matter of selecting a site rest until the next meeting. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, AUG. 1, 1881

Board convened. members present: Thompson, Campbell, Kelso, Robb and McBride. Minutes of the Special Meeting were read and approved.

The President appointed the following local and business committees: For Nos. 1 and 2, Mr. Thompson; for No. 3 and 9, Mr. Hutchinson; for No. 4, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Campbell to have charge also of Nos. 3 and 9 while Mr. Hutchinson is absent. Nos. 5 and 10, Mr. Kelso; Nos 6 and 7, Mr. McBride; No. 8, Mr. Robb

On motion Board decided to pay 6 cts per bushel for coal, for the coming season.

Board then proceeded to the election of teachers. The following named teachers presented certificates and applied for schools: Mattie Bell, Fannie T. Matthews, Lula Potter, Jennie Campbell, H. E. Clark, Alice Johnston, Maggie Potter, Lib. C. Montgomery, Fulton Hutchinson, Mattie J. Fisher, Mattie Waugh, Jennie Cook, Adela McClure.

The members of the Board talked the matter over and decided to place the teachers as follows:

No. 1 (McGill's)	Lib C. Montgomery
No. 2 (Oakdale)	Mattie J. Waugh
No. 3 (Noblestown)	Fulton Hutchinson
No. 4 (Sturgeons)	Harry E. Clark
No. 5. (Half Crown)	Allie Johnston
No. 6(Shirland)	Jenny Cook
No. 7 (Beech Cliff)	Fannie P. Matthews
No. 8. (Jamison's)	Adela McClure
No. 9. (Noblestown Primary Depart.)	Lulu Potter
No. 10. (Imperial)	Mattie J. Fisher

On motion Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 8, (JAMISON'S) SCHOOL HOUSE SEPT 24, 1881

Board met in accordance with the call of the President. Members present: Thompson, Hutchinson, Robb, Kelso, Campbell and McBride. Minutes of the meeting of June 18th were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson the change of Harry Clark to be teacher of No. 7 for the present term and Fannie P. Matthews to be teacher of No. 4 was ratified by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson it was agreed that a visiting committee be appointed for each school and that said committee report the condition of the different schools at the next meeting.

The President announced that the visiting committees would be the same as the business or local committees which were appointed Aug. 1st, except that Mr. Robb shall visit No. 3, and Mr. Hutchinson shall visit No. 8.

On motion our next meeting shall be at No. 10, (Imperial) on Thursay, Nov. 3, at 1 o'clock.

On motion it was agreed that the schools shall be closed on Monday, Spt. 26, at noon, to allow the teachers and pupils to observe the day of fasting and prayer appointed by the Governor.

On motion warrants were granted to the teachers for the first month's salary.

On motion Mr. Kelso was appointed a committee to ascertain from Mr. Crooks if he would be willing to relinquish his claim on the No. 5 school house.

On motion Board adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 10, NOV. 3, 1881

Members present: Robb, Kelso, and McBride.

Warrants were granted to the teachers but no other business transacted.

Adjourned to meet at Shirland School House on Thursday, Dec. 1st at 1 o'clock.

NO. 6, (SHIRLAND) DEC. 1, 1881

Board convened. Members present: Thompson, Robb, Kelso, Campbell and McBride. Minutes of the meeting of Sept. 24th were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, Board agreed to buy a box of fire lighters for each school in the district.

Mr. Robb reported that he had visited the Noblestown schools. Reported that Mr. Hutchinson was doing well in No. 3 and that Miss Potter was doing as well as she could in her room. She labored under the disadvantage of not having sufficient books in the school. He reported also that the order in her school was not good.

Mr. Kelso reported that he had been authorized to say to the Board that if they did not deliver the No. 5 house according to the contract they would be prosecuted.

On motion Mr. Thompson and Mr. Robb were appointed a committee to see Mr. Partridge and ascertain if a lot can be had on his farm on which to erect a school house and on what terms and report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion adjourned to meet at No. 5 on the 17th of Dec. at 1 o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 5, (HALFCROWN) DEC. 17TH, 1881

Board met according to previous adjournment. Members present: Thompson, Robb, Kelso, Campbell and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Robb reported that he and Mr. Thompson had visited Mr. Partridge and that he, (Mr. Partridge) had said that he supposed it would be necessary for the Board to have ground for a school house and that if the Board would visit him in a body he would go with them to select a site. On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion Mr. Kelso was appointed a committee to get the deed for lot No. 10 finished and recorded.

It was then moved and seconded that the motion to sell No. 5 school house be reconsidered. The motion prevailed. Following is the vote: Ayes: Robb, Campbell and Thompson. Noes: Kelso and McBride.

Mr. Thompson offered his resignation as President of the Board. On motion Mr. Thompson's resignation was accepted.

On motion Mr. Kelso was elected President of the Board for the remainder of the school year.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at Mr. Partridge's Dec. 23rd, at 1 o'clock P.M.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

PARTRIDGE'S DEC. 23, 1881

Kelso and McBride were present at this meeting - the other members were absent. Adjourned to meet at No. 5 School house on Saturday, Jan 7th, at 1 o'clock P.M.

NO. 5, (HALFCROWN) JAN. 7, 1882

Board convened. Members present: Kelso, Thompson, Hutchinson, Robb, Campbell and McBride.

Mr. Kelso who was appointed to have the deed for No. 10 finished and recorded reported that he had not yet had an opportunity of doing anything on the matter. Report accepted and committee continued.

The resolution to sell school house No. 5 to Henry Crooks was then taken up. This motion was reconsidered at the previous meeting, and the original motion, which was that we sell No. 5 and build a new school house on the Pike, came before the Board.

Remarks on the resolution were made by F. A. Hutchinson, H. S. Thompson, George Jardine, Mark Kelso, Robert Thom, J. H. Wallace, Henry Crooks, David McCrory, John Kelso and David Campbell. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes: Kelso and McBride. Noes: Hutchinson, Thompson, Campbell and Robb.

Mr. Kelso offered his resignation as President of the Board. On motion Mr. Kelso's resignation was accepted.

On motion Mr. Thompson was re-elected President.

The following reports as to the condition of the schools were given:

Mr. Thompson reported that he had not altogether performed his duty in visiting Nos. 1 and 2, but had received good reports from the patrons of both schools and believed they were doing well.

Mr. Robb reported that he had visited Nos. 5, 3, and 9 but once and could give no further report than that already given.

Mr. Kelso had visited No. 8 and was well satisfied that the teacher was doing her duty and that the school was in good working order.

Mr. Campbell gave a good report of No. 4

On motion Board decided to meet at No. 8 on Friday, February 10, at 1 o'clock, P.M.

On motion adjourned.

NO. 8, FEB. 10, 1882

But three members present - Robb, Kelso and McBride. Adjourned to meet at Jamison's Mill on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1 o'clock.

JAMISON'S MILL, FEB. 18, 1882

Board convened. Members present: Thompson, Robb, Campbell, Kelso and McBride. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Kelso who was appointed to have the deed for No. 10 completed and recorded reported that he had given the matter into the hands of Squire Byers with instructions to proceed and procure a good deed. On motion the report was accepted.

On motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed to wait on Mr. Henry Crooks and ask him for a deed for No. 5 school lot. President appointed Mr. Kelso on that committee and he was instructed to report at the next meeting.

On motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed to pay the money due to Mr. Marshall. President appointed on that committee Mr. John Robb and H. E. McBride.

On motion our next meeting shall be at Oakdale on Monday, April 3, at 10 o'clock.

On motion Directors shall notify the teachers to be present at the next meeting and present their reports.

Mr. Thompson reported that he had visited the Oakdale School and that it was doing well.

Mr. Robb reported that No. 8 was in a prosperous condition, but that No. 7 was not properly governed.

On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

OAKDALE, APRIL 3, 1882

Board convened. All the members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the reports of the teachers were accepted and warrants granted for the last month's salaries.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to pay the money due to Mr. Marshall reported that the matter had been delayed in order to take legal advice. Mr. Robb had consulted an attorney and reported that it would be legal to pay the debt out of the funds now in the Treasury. Mr. Hutchinson was then authorized to notify the Treasurer to pay Mr. Marshall.

On motion it was agreed that the next meeting of the Board shall be at No. 8, on Saturday, May 6, at 4 o'clock, P.M. and that the Auditors and Treasurer be notified to meet at 1 o'clock.

On motion twenty-five dollars was decided on as the salary of the Secretary for the past year.

Mr. Crooks was present at the meeting and proffered a deed for No. 5, which was not accepted by the Board.

It was then decided to employ Mr. Enlow to make a new survey of No. 5 lot and make out a deed for the same. Mr. Crooks assented to this arrangement and agreed to attend to the matter at an early day. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

MAY 6. No meeting. Illegally called. Pres. appointed the next meeting June 5th.

NO. 8, JUNE 5, 1882

Board met according to the call of the President. Members present: Hutchinson, Kelso, Campbell, Thompson and McBride. The President being absent at the opening of the meeting on motion of Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Kelso was elected President pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Kelso, who was appointed to attend to the matter of having the deed finished for No. 10 lot reported that he has procured a new deed from an attorney, that it was now correct in every particular, and that the attorney's instructions were to deliver it to the President of the Board and have it signed by the proper persons. On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Bills were presented by J. C. Marks, John Byers, H. E. McBride, Wm. McMurray and H. S. Thompson which were accepted and warrants granted.

On motion a warrant was granted to Wm. McMurray, Treasurer, for \$394.67 - that being the amount of money paid by him to Mr. Wm. Marshall.

On motion Board agreed to exonerate the Treasurer to the amount asked with the exception of \$6.24. On motion Board adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NORTH FAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1882**

Whole number of Schools	10	
Number of Teachers Employed	10	
Number of Pupils Enrolled in all the Schools	503	
Average Daily Attendance	329	
Amount of Tax Levied for School Purposes	\$2107.2	
Amount of Tax Levied for Building Purposes		
1299.8		
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT - MONEY RECEIVED		
Balance on Hand, if any, from last year,		
Received from State Appropriation	316.8	
From Collector, including Taxes of all kinds,	3190.1	
From Loans, if any		
From county Treasurer, Unseated Lands, Fines, etc.		
From Sale of Houses or Lands, if any		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3506.9	
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT - MONEY PAID OUT		
For Purchasing Grounds		
For Building Houses		
For Teachers' Wages	\$1800.0	
For Rent and Repairs	30.3	
For Fuel and Contingencies	177.2	
Salary of Secretary, Expenses, Stationery, Postage, Etc.	25.0	
For Debt and Interest paid	407.5	
For Insurance on Nos 3 and 9	22.0	
For Attorney's fees	37.8	
TOTAL MONEY PAID OUT	\$2617.1	
CASH ON HAND	889.8	

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NO. 8, JUNE 5, 1882

Board organized for the present year by electing Rev. F. A. Hutchinson President and H. E. McBride, Secretary. The new members, J. W. Guy and W. C. McFarland were present and were welcomed to seats in the Board.

Roll for the present year: F. A. Hutchinson, David Campbell, John Kelso, J. W. Guy, W. C. McFarland, H. E. McBride.

On motion it was decided that the length of the school term for the present year shall be six months. Ayes: Hutchinson, Mr. McFarland, Kelso and McBride. Mr. Campbell voted no and Mr. Guy did not vote.

On motion Board decided to build a new school house in No. 6 sub district. Ayes: Hutchinson, Guy, Campbell and McBride. Noes: McFarland and Kelso. Mr. McFarland protested against this action of the Board and requested that his protest be entered on the minutes. On motion Mr. McFarland's request was granted and his protest was accordingly placed on the minutes.

On motion Board decided to repair and re-furnish No. 4 school house. Ayes: Campbell, Guy, Kelso and McBride.

On motion the motion to build a new school house in No. 6 sub district was reconsidered. It was suggested that the Board should meet at No. 6 and examine the house before taking action of this matter, and, on motion, it was decided to lay the motion on the table until the next meeting.

On motion it was agreed to pay \$35 per month to the teachers of Nos. 2 and 7. All the members voted aye on this question.

On motion it was decided to pay \$30 per month to the remainder of the teachers.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at No. 6 school house, on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

NO. 6, SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1882

Board met in accordance with previous adjournment. Members present: McFarland, Guy, Campbell and McBride. The President being absent, Mr. McFarland was elected President pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The motion to build a new school house in No. 6, (Shirland) sub-district was then reviewed. Mr. McFarland presented a paper signed by nearly all the patrons of No. 6 advising and asking a postponement of the building a new school house in their district for the present, and suggesting that the house could be made comfortable by having some repairs made and new furniture put in. The motion to build a new house in No. 6 sub-district was then withdrawn.

On motion it was agreed tht No. 6 school house should be repaired and refurnished. All the members presented voted aye.

On motion the Board decided to levy the 1 1/4 (mills) for school purposes and 1/2 mills for building purposes. All members present voted aye.

On motion it was decided that the matter of building a new school house in No. 5, (Halfcrown) district be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion David Campbell and W. C. McFarland were appointed a committee on repairs and furniture for Nos 4 and 6.

On motion Board decided to meet at No. 8, on Saturday, June 17th at 5 o'clock, P.M. On motion adjourned.

NO. 8, JUNE 17, 1882

Board met in accordance with previous adjournment. Members present: Hutchinson, Guy, Kelso, McFarland and McBride.

Messrs. Fleming and Erwin were present for the purpose of asking the Board to introduce into the district the school books which they represented. They were invited by the President to present the matter to the Board before the transaction of the regular business was commenced.

As one of the members of the Board was absent and the others had not examined the books, the gentlemen thought it best to defer their remarks in regard to the introduction of the books until another meeting.

On motion the Board decided to defer the matter of selecting the text books until the meeting for the election of teachers, and the Secretary was authorized to notify Messrs Fleming and Erwin of the time and place of that meeting.

The committee on deed for No. 5, Mr. Kelso, reported that Mr. Crooks refused to make the kind of a deed for No. 5 that he had agreed to make at the meeting at Oakdale on April 3rd. On motion Mr. Guy was added to the committee on deed for No. 5 lot. On motion the committee was instructed to gain all the information possible in regard to the

matter, consult and fee an attorney and ascertain if the Board has any right to that school property and act in accordance with the instructions.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN, AUG. 8, 1882

Board met in accordance with the call of the President. All the members were present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Agents representing the publishing house of D. Appleton and Co., of New York, and H. E. Gourley, of Pittsburgh, were present, and, on motion, they were allowed to present their views in regard to the text books which they wished to introduce and have placed in the schools.

On motion it was decided that each agent should be allowed ten minutes for his remarks in regard to the introduction of the books. On motion a committee was appointed to notify the agents that the Board was now ready to hear them.

The publishing house of D. Appleton & Co. was represented by Mr. Danforth and that of H. I. Gourley & Co. by Mr. Fleming. Mr. Douthett displayed and explained Appleton's Reading Charts.

On motion Board adjourned for dinner.

Board convened at 1 o'clock.

Additional remarks were made by Messrs Danforth and Fleming.

The Board then decided as follows on the text books for the present year:

1st. Bible

2nd. Goff's Arithmetic instead of Olney's which are now in use.

On this motion the vote was as follows: Ayes: McFarland, Guy, Campbell and Kelso. Noes: Hutchinson and McBride.

On motion Board decided to retain Osgood's Readers for the present year. Ayes: Hutchinson, Guy, Kelso, Campbell, McBride. No: McFarland

On motion it was decided to continue the use of Harper's Geographies. All the members voted aye.

On motion it was decided to continue the use of Burt's Grammar.

The President appointed the following local and visiting committees: Nos. 1 & 2-- J. W. Guy; Nos. 3 & 9-- F. A. Hutchinson; No. 4-- David Campbell; Nos. 5 & 10-- John Kelso; Nos. 6 & 8-- W. C. McFarland; No. 7--H. E. McBride.

On motion it was agreed that we pay 6 cts. per bushel for coal except in those sub districts where it cannot be obtained at that price.

On motion Board decided to adopt Appleton's Model Writing Books.

The Board then proceeded to elect the teachers for the ensuing term with the following result:

No. 1, (McGill's)	Libbie C. Montgomery
No. 2, (Oakdale)	Mattie J. Waugh
No. 3 (Noblestown)	Harry E. Clark
No. 4 (Sturgeon's)	Luella Miller
No. 5 (Halferown)	Willia Cook
No. 6 (Shirland)	Adela McClure
No. 7 (BeechCliff)	Lizzie A. Cox
No. 8 (Jamison's)	Mattie W. Bell
No. 9 (Noblestown), Primary	Luella Potter
No. 10 (Imperial)	Mattie J. Fisher

The teachers were elected unanimously.

On motion of Mr. McFarland the Secretary was required to keep a copy of the certificates of the successful applicants and place them on the minutes.

The following are the certificates:

No. 1 Libbie C. Montgomery			
Orthography	3	Geography	1
Reading	1	Grammar	1
Writing		2	U.S. History 1 1/4
Mental Arithmetic	1 1/2	Theory of Teaching	1 1/2
Written Arithmetic	1 3/4	Practice of Teaching	1 1/2
No. 2. Mattie J. Waugh			
Orthography	2	Geography	2 1/2
Reading	2 3/4	Grammar	3
Writing		2	U.S. History 2 1/2
Mental Arithmetic	1 1/4	Theory of Teaching	3
Written Arithmetic	3	Practice of Teaching	1 1/2
No. 3. Harry E. Clark			
Orthography	1 1/2	Geography	2
Reading	1 1/2	Grammar	2
Writing		1 3/4	U.S. History 2
Mental Arithmetic	2	Theory of Teach.	1 1/2

Written Arithmetic 2 1/2 Practice of Teach. 1 3/4

No. 4. Luella Miller			
Orthography	2 1/2	Geography	2 1/4
Reading	1 1/2	Grammar	1 3/4
Writing		2	U.S. History 2
Mental Arithmetic	1	Theory of Teach.	3
Written Arithmetic	2 3/4		

No. 5. Willa Cook

No. 6. Adela McClure			
Orthography	1 1/2	Geography	2
Reading	1	Grammar	1 1/2
Writing		2	U.S. History 1 1/4
Mental Arithmetic	2 3/4	Theory of Teach.	1
Written Arithmetic	2 3/4	Pract. of Teach	1 1/2

No. 7. Lizzie A. Cox			
Orthography	2	Geography	1 1/2
Reading	1	Grammar	1 1/2
Writing		1 1/2	U.S. History 1 1/2
Mental Arithmetic	1	Theory of Teach.	1
Written Arithmetic	2		

No. 8. Mattie W. Bell			
Orthography	2 1/2	Geography	1 1/2
Reading	1	Grammar	1
Writing		1 1/2	U.S. History 2
Mental Arithmetic	1 1/4	Theory of Teach.	2 1/2
Written Arithmetic	3		

No. 9. M. Lulu Potter			
Orthography	1 1/2	Geography	1 1/2
Reading	1 1/4	Grammar	1
Writing	1 1/2	U. S. History	2
Mental Arithmetic	1	Theory of Teaching	2
Written Arithmetic	2 1/4	Practice of Teach.	3

No. 10. Lucy M. Portman

Miss Fisher, who was elected to No. 10, did not accept, and, on motion, Mr. Kelso was authorized and appointed to select a teacher for that school.

Mr. Guy, on the committee on deed for No. 5, reported that he had procured the deed that Mr. Crooks had previously offered, that a new one had been drawn up and that Mr. Crooks had signified his willingness to sign the one that was now ready.

On motion a warrant for five dollars was granted to Mr. Crooks in payment for the deed previously offered to the Board.

Mr. Hutchinson, committee on deed for No. 10, that as yet he had been unable to find Mr. McCreery and consequently the deed for No. 10 was still unacknowledged.

On motion a warrant was granted to R. Potter for dinner for the Board.

On motion Board decided to meet at Mattie W. Bell's school, No. 8, on Friday, Oct. 6, at 1 o'clock. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SPECIAL MEETING - SCHOOL HOUSE NO. 7, SEPT 13, 1882

Board met in accordance with the call of the President. Members present: Hutchinson, Kelso, McFarland, Guy and McBride.

The President read the proceedings of a meeting which had been held by the patrons of the school at No. 7, asking for another school room and an additional teacher. Remarks were made by Messrs. Bowers, Morgan, Bird and Pierce, patrons of the school. On motion of Mr. McFarland, the President was authorized and empowered to ascertain if the Board can legally employ another teacher.

Mr. McFarland then amended his motion so that J. W. Guy and John Kelso were added to the committee, and they were instructed to ascertain if a room can be rented for school purposes. All the members voted aye on this question.

On motion it was agreed that other business should be transacted in addition to that for which the meeting was called.

On motion Mr. Lindsey was allowed five dollars for cleaning and repairing No. 10. Warrant granted for that amount.

On motion a warrant was granted to Isaac Meanor for cleaning No. 5.

Mr. Guy reported that Nos. 1 and 2 had been cleaned and that the bill of the person who had done the work was \$6.00. Warrant granted for that amount.

Mr. McFarland reported that No. 6 had been cleaned and some additional work done by Mrs. Turner. On motion Mrs. Turner was granted a warrant for eight dollars.

Warrant to J. Grinnage for lumber and repairs on No. 6 - Amount \$5.50.

Warrant to W. C. McFarland for freight, hauling and setting school desks. Amount \$12.42.

Warrant to Hoffman & Wade for lumber for Nos. 3 & 9 - \$18.49 - Hauling - \$2.50. Amount \$21.00.

Objections were made to R. Simpson's bill for cleaning Nos. 3 and 9, and on motion Messrs. Hutchinson and Campbell were appointed a committee to adjust and settle the bill.

On motion Miss Portman's election as teacher of No. 10 school was ratified by the Board.

On motion it was agreed that the teachers be instructed to dismiss from the schools all pupils under six years of age.

On motion Mr. Guy was authorized to purchase additional furniture for No. 2.

The Secretary was authorized and instructed to make out a bill for the schooling of five children for the past term and send to the Collier School Board.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at Miss Bell's school, No. 8, on Friday, Oct. 6, at 1 o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 8, OCT. 6, 1882

Board met according to adjournment. All the members present. The minutes of the meeting of Aug. 8th, were read and approved. The minutes of the Special Meeting held at No. 7, Sept 13th, were read and approved.

Mr. Campbell reported that No. 4 seemed to be in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Guy reported that No. 2 school was crowded, but that it was doing as well as it could under the circumstances.

Mr. Kelso reported that he had not visited No. 10, but had heard no unfavorable reports.

Mr. McFarland reported that No. 6 was doing exceedingly well - he was well pleased with the teacher's manner of conducting the school and also with the progress which the scholars were making.

Mr. Hutchinson, chairman of the committee appointed to ascertain if we had legal power to employ another teacher for the Beech Cliff district reported that he had consulted a number of attorneys, school directors and business men who informed him that the Board had no authority to do so. On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Guy reported that the business relating to the deed for No. 5 was not entirely settled yet but expected that it would be against the next meeting. On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued.

Mr. McFarland reported that he had been in No. 7 school since the special meeting there and found only about fifty pupils present.

Mr. Hutchinson reported that he had been unable to find Mr. McCreery and therefore nothing had been done in regard to the deed for No. 10.

At the request of the teacher of No. 9, it was decided that the primary cards not in use in No. 8, be transferred to her school.

Mr. Hutchinson reported that he had seen Mr. Simpson in regard to reducing his bill for the cleaning of Nos. 3 and 9, but he refused to make any reduction as he considered it reasonable and moderate.

On motion a warrant was ordered to be granted to R. Simpson for \$44.75 for cleaning and repairs on Nos. 3 and 9.

On motion a warrant was ordered to be granted to Daniel Williams for repairs on Nos. 3 and 9 - Amount \$10.25.

The following bills were presented:

From S. Newton - Repairs on No. 2	\$1.89
From Martin Logan - Fuel for Nos. 6 and 10	15.60
From John Kelso - Repairs on No. 5	.75
From W. H. Logan - Contingencies for No. 6	4.30
From D. Campbell - Contingencies for No. 4	4.35
From W. S. Robb - Repairs on No. 4	4.75
From J. W. Guy - Furniture for Nos 4 and 6	157.35
From D. Campbell - Furniture for No. 4	14.23

On motion it was agreed that two boxes of fire kindlers be furnished to each school - also two boxes of crayons. On motion Mr. Guy was appointed to purchase the fire lighters and crayons.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at No. 4, on Friday, Nov. 3rd.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SCHOOL HOUSE NO. 4, NOV. 3, 1882

Board convened. Members present: Hutchinson, Campbell, McFarland, Guy and McBride. On motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Guy reported that he had not visited No. 1. Believed it was doing well - had heard no unfavorable reports. No. 2 was doing very well, the average attendance being about 70.

Mr. Hutchinson reported No. 3 doing well. No. 9 is not a large school at present.

Mr. Campbell's only objection to No. 4 school was that the pupils did not speak sufficiently loud in their recitations.

Mr. Kelso being absent no reports were given from Nos. 5 and 10.

Mr. McFarland reported that the attendance at No. 6 was not good. He was well pleased, however, with the teacher's work and thought the school was progressing finely. Mr. McFarland reported that No. 8 was also doing very well. He had visited the school and was highly pleased.

The Secretary reported that No. 7 was not a very large school now and that the teacher had said that they could get along without any additional furniture.

On motion of Mr. McFarland it was agreed that the teachers be required to record the reasons given by the pupils for non-attendance.

On motion the different local and visiting committees were instructed to urge the patrons of the different schools to remedy the irregular attendance of the pupils.

Mr. Guy reported that he had paid Mr. Dunnells for the furniture for Nos 4 and 6. On motion the report was received and adopted.

Mr. Guy reported that he had purchased the fire kindlers and crayons and that the amount of the bill was \$12.92.

On motion the Board refused to recognize the day suggested as a holiday, the Bicentennial of Penn's landing, and that the teachers who had not taught on that day be expected to fill the required time.

Mr. Guy reported that he had obtained Mr. Crook's acknowledgement of the deed of No. 5. The report was accepted and the committee discharged. On motion a warrant for .50 cts. was granted to Mr. Crooks.

On motion Mr. Campbell was appointed to get a deed for school lot No. 4.

On motion warrants were ordered to be granted to the teachers for one month's salary and for all bills presented at this meeting.

On motion it was decided that the insurance policies on all the school buildings be renewed and that \$75 be added to the amount on No. 4 and the same amount on No. 6 to cover the new furniture in those houses.

On motion Messrs. McFarland and Kelso were appointed a committee to regulate the attendance at Nos. 6 and 10.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at No. 10, on Friday, Dec. 1st, at 1 o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SCHOOL HOUSE, NO. 10, DEC. 1, 1882

Board convened. Members present: McFarland, Guy, Campbell and McBride.

The County Superintendent was present and as he could remain but a short time the regular business of the Board was deferred until he had given a report of his recent visits to the different school of the District. With the exception of two schools, Nos. 7 and 10, he expressed himself as satisfied with the progress and deportment.

The minutes of the meeting of October 6th were read and approved. The minutes of the meeting of Nov. 3rd were read and approved.

Mr. Guy reported that he had visited No. 1. The school was not large but was evidently progressing finely. No. 2 was doing very well considering the large number in attendance. The scholars were interested in their studies and good order prevailed in the school room.

Mr. Hutchinson being absent no report was given from Nos 3 and 9.

Mr. Campbell reported that No. 4 was progressing finely. There had been some trouble. A pupil had been suspended for refusing to recite as directed. The matter had

been adjusted, however, at the school at present was doing very well. On motion Mr. Campbell was sustained by the Board in his adjustment of the difficulty in No. 4.

Mr. Kelso was absent and as Mr. Guy had visited No. 5 he reported that the school seemed to be in good working order. The deportment was good and the pupils were taking an active interest in their studies. Mr. Guy reported also that the County Superintendent was well pleased with the school.

Mr. McFarland reported that he had not visited Nos. 6 and 8, but had heard no unfavorable reports.

No report was given from No. 7.

On motion it was agreed that the Catholics should be allowed, as desired, to hold services once a month in No. 10.

On motion warrants were granted to the teachers for one month's salary.

The following bills were presented:

Bill from Lizzie Cox - Cleaning No. 7	\$3.00
Bill from Wm. Quinn - Fuel for No. 7	12.00
Bill from J. W. Guy - Six school desks/hauling and freight	25.00
Bill from Miss Portman - contingencies for No. 10	50

Mr. Guy reported that the deed for No. 5 school lot had been received. On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion Mr. Campbell's report in regard to the deed for No. 4 was accepted and the committee continued.

On motion it was decided that our next meeting be at Noblestown, on Saturday, Jan 6, at 9 o'clock.

On motion the Secretary was appointed to investigate the matter of the name on the petition from No. 7, supposed to have been obtained without permission. On motion Board adjourned.

H. E. McBride

NOBLESTOWN, JAN 6, 1883

Board met in accordance with adjournment. Members present: Hutchinson, McFarland, Kelso and McBride. Minutes of the last meeting were read and, on motion approved.

On motion the teachers were granted warrants for one month's salary.

The different schools were reported to be doing well with the exception of No. 7, which was reported to be somewhat disorderly.

The following bills were presented:

Bill from A. Thompson - Fuel for Nos. 3 & 9	\$24.00
Bill from J. C. Clark - Fuel for No. 8	10.30
Bill from John Kelso - Fuel for No. 5	7.00
Bill from W. H. Logan - Contingencies for No. 6	1.10
Bill from J. W. Guy - Insurance on seven school houses	48.15

On motion warrants were granted for the bills presented.

Miss Cox, teacher of No. 7, was charged with having secured unfairly the name of Mr. McKee on her petition to the Board asking that she be elected teacher of No. 7. Miss Cox made a statement to the Board in regard to the matter and on motion the charge was dismissed.

No. 7 school being considered somewhat disorderly and beyond the control of the teacher it had been suggested that Miss Cox be asked to resign. She agreed to act on the suggestion of the Board, however, and on motion, she was allowed to continue on trial for another month.

The Treasurer being present was asked whether the rent for the school house for election purposes had been paid over to him by the Return Judges. He reported that the Return Judge of election district, No. 2, had paid him \$2.50 for No. 7 house, but that was all that had as yet been received.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to notify the Judges of the other election districts to pay the money due for the use of the houses on election day.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at No. 7, on January 26th, at 1 o'clock.

F. A. Hutchinson, Pres.
H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 7, JAN 26, 1883

The members present at this meeting were Hutchinson, McFarland and McBride. The school appeared to be progressing in a satisfactory manner and Miss Cox was authorized and instructed to continue teaching to the end of the term.

Bills were presented by R. J. Conway for repairs on No. 7 - Amt. \$6.01. Sample and Elliott for contingencies for No. 7 - \$4.05. Warrants granted.

Adjourned to meet at Oakdale, on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 1 o'clock.

OAKDALE, FEB. 3, 1883

Board convened. Members present: Hutchinson, Guy, McFarland, Kelso, Campbell and McBride. The reading of the minutes of Jan. 6 was deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. McFarland reported that three of the members had met at No. 7 according to arrangement and found that the teacher was making an effort to do well and that the government of the school was as good as could be expected. He also reported that Miss Cox had been authorized to continue teaching to the close of the term. On motion the Board ratified what had been done at the meeting at No. 7.

On motion it was agreed that hereafter an excuse shall be demanded from the members of the Board for being absent from regular meetings.

It was decided by motion that those teachers who were present at the Teachers meeting at Noblestown should be allowed for one day.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union asked to be allowed to go into the schools and distribute tracts to the pupils and, on motion, their request was granted.

Secretary reported that the bill for the tuition of Mr. Gregg's children had been sent to the Board of Directors of Collier Township. On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued.

On warrants were granted to the teachers for one month's salary.

Mr. Campbell stated that No. 4 school had been closed for some time on account of sickness, but would be opened again in a short time.

G. W. Hoffman presented a bill for contingencies for Nos. 3, 4, and 9.

On motion the bill was referred to Messrs. Hutchinson and Campbell and an explanation of some of the items desired against the next meeting.

Committee on deed for No. 10 reported progress. On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued.

On motion a warrant was granted to Miller and McBride for drawing deed and for advice - amount \$5.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at Oakdale, (No.2.) on Friday, March 2nd, at 1 o'clock.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 2, (OAKDALE) MARCH 2, 1883

Board convened. Called to order by President Hutchinson. The Secretary being absent at the opening of the meeting J. W. Guy was elected Secretary pro tem.

The committee on bill presented by Mr. Hoffman reported in favor of paying the bill.

The President reported that he was unable to procure a deed from Imperial Coal Company for No. 10 lot. On motion of Mr. McFarland the committee was discharged at (and) the papers ordered to be put on file.

A bill was presented from Joseph Partridge for 67 bu. coal for No. 5. Bill was accepted and warrant ordered.

On motion of Mr. Campbell warrants were granted to pay for cleaning the school houses where elections had been held.

On motion the officers of the Board were authorized to grant warrants to the teachers not yet through with their terms upon the presentation and acceptance of their monthly reports.

On motion Board decided to meet on the first Saturday of May at No. 8. On motion this last motion was reconsidered. On motion our next meeting shall be at No. 8, on the 17th of March at 1 o'clock.

On motion Miss Bell was granted a warrant for her last month's salary.

On motion Board agreed to take into consideration at the next meeting the propriety of building a new school house in the Halfcrown sub-district. On motion adjourned.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

SCHOOL ROOM, NO. 8, MARCH 17, 1883

Board convened. President Hutchinson in the chair. Members present: Hutchinson, McFarland, Kelso, Campbell, Guy, and McBride.

On motion it was agreed that a reward of \$20 be offered for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who broke into No. 8 school house and destroyed the furniture.

On motion the President and Secretary were authorized to examine the teachers' reports.

On motion a warrant was granted to D. M. Logan for fuel for No. 6 - Amount \$1.30.

The Treasurer, J. C. Marks, reported that the Judges of Election precincts Nos. 2,3, & 5 had paid for the use of the school houses for the February election. On motion the Secretary was instructed to make out a bill for the balance due the Board for the use of the school houses for election purposes.

Mr. Potter, from No. 9, stated that the room in which the election had been held in that precinct was not in a fit condition for school on the morning after the election and the teacher wished the matter to be presented to the Board. On motion Board decided to pay one dollar to Miss Potter for cleaning this room.

On motion Board also decided to pay the teachers of No. 5 and 6 one dollar each for cleaning their respective houses on the morning after the election.

On motion J. C. Marks was granted a warrant for adding valuation, etc. Amount \$8.50.

Bills from H. S. Thompson and McLarn and Stewart were accepted and warrants granted.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the Board of Collier school district in which they declined to pay for the tuition of Mr. Gregg's children and notified the Board of North Fayette that there was ample room for those pupils in their own district and to refuse them admission to the North Fayette schools. On motion the report of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged. On motion the business in relation to the Collier Township matter was laid on the table.

On motion warrants were granted to the teachers for their last month's salary.

Miss Miller, teacher of No. 4 was not yet through with her school and, on motion, the Secretary was authorized to grant a warrant for her last month's salary when she shall have completed her term.

A committee from the Oakdale district presented for a new school room in that place.

Mr. McFarland, from Shirland district, informed the Board that it was quite probable that a railroad would be built within three feet of No. 6 school house and if so a new school house would be needed there. He therefore presented the claims of that district.

Mr. E. W. Pierce, from Beech Cliff, asked for an additional room or a new house in that place.

On motion the Board heard the committees who asked for new houses in the order in which they were presented.

The patrons of Halfcrown school were heard. Remarks were made on the subject by G. M. McKee, Mark Kelso, Robert Thom, George Jardine, J. R. Kelso and J. H. Wallace. A motion was then made by Mr. Kelso that the Board proceed to build a new house in the Halfcrown sub-district. After considerable discussion the motion was withdrawn.

On motion it was decided to appoint a committee to ascertain if a room could be rented for school purposes either in the Oakdale or Beech Cliff districts. President appointed on that committee J. W. Guy and H. E. McBride.

On motion it was decided that if Mr. Guy should find that a room could be obtained in the Oakdale district he be instructed to call a meeting of the Board.

If no meeting shall be called Board will meet at No. 8, on Monday, June 4th, at 1 o'clock. On motion adjournment.

H. E. McBride, Sec.

NO. 8, JUNE 4TH, 1883

Board convened. Members present: Hutchinson, Campbell, McFarland, Kelso and McBride. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Committee on renting school rooms in Oakdale and Beech Cliff made a partial report. McBride reported that no room could be had in Beech Cliff.

The Committee appointed to examine the exonerations asked by the Collector reported that they were unable to decide on the matter at present.

On motion the list was returned to the Collector with instructions that he make additional effort to collect the outstanding tax and give reasons for all that he is unable to collect at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the President and Secretary for the manner in which they had discharged the duties of their offices.

On motion adjourned.

F. A. Hutchinson, Pres.
H. E. McBride, Sec.

ANNUAL DISTRICT REPORT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

The Directors of North Fayette District report for the School Year ending on the first Monday of June, 1883

Schools	
Whole number of Schools	10
Average number of months taught	6
Teachers	
Number of Male Teachers employed	1
Number of Female Teachers employed	9
Average Salaries of Males per month	\$30.00
Average Salaries of Females per month	\$31.11
Scholars	
Number of Male Scholars attending all the schools	243
Number of Female Scholars attending all the schools	258
Whole number in attendance	501
Average daily attendance of Scholars in the district	325
Average percentage of attendance	79
Cost of each pupil per month	68
Tax and rate per ct.	
Number of mills levied for school purposes	1 1/4
Number of mills levied for building purposes	1
Amount levied for school purposes	2132.9 (?)
Amount levied for building purposes	651.4 (?)
TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED	2784.4 (?)
Account of Treasurer - receipts	
State appropriation for the year ending June, 1882	317.9(?)
Balance on hand from last year	889.8
(?)	
From Collector, including taxes of all kinds	2537.??
From Loans, since last report	
From Co. Treas., for unseated lands since last report	
From all other sources	25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3769.8(?)
Account of Treasurer - Expenditures	

Purchasing grounds	
Building and furnishing houses	213.4
(?)	
Renting, repairing, etc.	
113.0(?)	
Teachers' wages	1860.00
Fuel and contingencies	
211.9(?)	
Fees of Collector and Treasurer	79.00
Salary of Secretary and Dist. Supt.	25.00
Debt and interest paid	\$10.00
Other expenses (Insurance on Seven School Houses)	
48.15	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
	\$2560.64
Cash on hand	\$1209.25
Or, amount due Treasurer	
Resources and liabilities of District	
Resources	
Cash on hand, if any	\$1209.25
Amount due district from all sources	26.95
	TOTAL RESOURCES
	\$1236.20
Liabilities	
Amount due Treasurer, if any	
Amount due on unsettled bills, if any	
Amount borrowed and unpaid, or debt of district.	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES
RESOURCES IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES	\$1236.20
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF RESOURCES	

NO. 8 SCHOOL ROOM JUNE 4, 1883

New Board on temporary organization Mr. John Kelso was elected Pres & David Campbell elected Secy. The new members elect Gabriel Walker and Jno. R. McMichael presented their certificates of election and were received as members. On permanent organization for school year 1883, John Kelso was elected president and Jno. R. McMichael elected secretary. The minutes of the Board of 1882 were then read and adopted.

By motion carried Secy, report what funds in the Treasury at present. Treas. reported about \$1,157.28 of building tax & \$143 School fund.

On motion carried representation from the different districts be heard on their claim for better school accommodations. No. 7, No. 2, No 5 presented their grievances from inadequate school accommodations. On motion by McMichael the Board build a new

room in No. 7 dist. which was thoroughly discussed. On the question being called the motion was lost affirmative McFarland and McMichael. Negative Kelso, Campbell & Walker.

On motion of Mr. Campbell the Board build a new room in No 2 Dist. which carried in the affirmative.

On motion a new room be built in No. 5 was lost.

On motion of Mr. Campbell the motion to build in No. 7 reconsidered which carried by a full vote of all present the motion to build then carried by McFarland, Campbell, Walker and McMichael voting affirmative & Kelso in negative. *Note by Sec. The original motion was amended by adding the proviso that there be enough children to justify the building a new room.

On motion McFarland and McMichael be a committee to canvass No. 7 District to ascertain the number of children of school age to report at next meeting of the Board.

On motion Sec. write specifications for the new room at Oakdale No. 2 Dist. and advertise for proposals for the building of the same and report at next meeting.

On motion carried the Board ordered 30 double desks 1/2 dozen chairs and one teacher's desk, four recitation seats from Broadrupt & Co., Dayton, Ohio sizes to be selected hereafter.

On motion carried 1 1/2 (one & one half mill for building purposes be levied on the assessed valuation of N. Fayette.

On motion carried the schools be opened for the term of six months.

On motion adjourned to meet at call of the President. members present: Kelso, McFarland, Walker, Campbell, & McMichael.

John Kelso, Prest.

Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 8 JUNE 16, 1883

Board met in the absence of the President. J. M. Guy was elected Prest. pro tem. Minutes of June 4 read and approved.

Report from Committee on No. 7 Dist. reported 114 children of school age who will attend and 140 who are not of school age. Report accepted and committee dis(?).

Secy, committee on specification reported a list of specification and that he has advertised for purposes for building room in No. 2 dist. Board then proceeded to open proposals or bids for new rooms. Messrs David Stewart, Henry Adams and John Matchett, Jr. were bidders. Mr. Matchett's bid being the lowest. On motion carried Mr. Matchett's proposal was accepted. Amt of proposal \$845 Eight Hundred and forty five dollars.

Motion carried the Board proceed to build a new school room in No. 7 dist. All members present in affirmative voting. Motion Secy. prepare specifications and advertise for proposals.

On motion carried the following members were appointed building committee for the different rooms. For Oakdale No 2-- J. W. Guy and Gabriel Walker. For No. 7 McMichael and McFarland.

On motion carried the wages were fixed at \$33 thirty three dollars per month for eleven schools and \$35, thirty five dollars, per month for the Imperial City School. (Ed. note: Proably Montour City)

On motion Treas. and Collector wa exonerated of 187.52 One Hunderd and eighty seven dollars and fifty two cts deliquent tax.

On motion Secy order furniture for the two school rooms from Broadrup & Co. Champion School from manufacturers.

Auditors of school accts presented their acct to the amt, of \$10 ten dollars which was considered too high & according to school law but one dollar per day can be collected for each auditor. A warrant was ordered for \$5 five dollars.

On motion the building committee of No. 7 new room was empowered to open proposals & award contract and article with contractor.

Motion adjourned to meet at Noblestown 1st Sat. of Aug. at 10 A.M. at which time teachers will be elected to the different schools.

Present: Guy, McFarland, Campbell, Walker, J. McMichael.

J. W. Guy, Prest. pro tem
J. R. McMichael, Secy.

NOBLESTOWN, PA. AUG. 4, 1883

Board convened. Present: Kelso, Guy, Campbell, McFarland and McMichael. Minutes of June 16th read and approved. Report of Building Committee Oakdale &

Beech Cliff read and committee continued. *Marginal note: Committee of (Beech) Cliff school reported the contract to David Stewart for \$890 - eight hundred ninety dollars.

Report of Committee on furniture reported that the furniture had been contracted for to be delivered before 1st of Sept., 1883.

On motion warrants were granted to John Matchett and David Stewart contractors for \$400 each, four hundred dollars to be placed in the hands of chm of building committee & paid at his discretion.

The president then appointed the following committee on visiting schools and supplies for Nos one & 2, 1st and 2nd rooms J. W. Guy Nos 3 & 4 David Campbell No 5 John Kelso Nos 6 & 10 Mr. C. McFarland No 7 1st & 2nd rooms Jno R. McMichael Nos. 8 and 9 G. Walker.

On motion the agents Messers Fleming, Caine and McLane representing the Modern Sheldon and Appleton's Series readers and spellers be heard and that they be limited to 10 minutes each. On motion the discussion on merits of readers, members of board shall be private.

On motion adopt a series of rules for the better protection of school propety and have the rules placed in each school room and that the Secy, be a committee to have these rules prepared, printed and distributed.

On motion adjourned for dinner

On reconvening Mr. G. Walker present.

On motion the Bible, together with all other text books be retained except readers and spellers during the present school year.

On motion a new series of readers & spellers be adopted. The three different series of readers, Modern Sheldons & Appletons was then (brot) before the board for the purpose of adopting one series. The good qualities of the different series being thoroughly discussed the members proceeded to vote by marking them on the third ballot by marking the Appleton series together with Modern or Wilson speller was adopted as text books.

On motion the board proceed to the election of teachers which resulted as follows:

No. 1	Miss Mattie Waugh
No. 2	1st room, Wm. C. Wallace. 2nd room Miss Luella Miller
No. 3	1st room, Marry E. Clark. 2nd room Miss Mattie Allison
No. 4	Miss Belle Robb
No. 5	Mr. J. S. Hutchinson
No. 6	Miss ____ Cook

McConnell No. 7 1st room, Miss Jesse Farrar. 2nd room Miss N. J.
No. 8 Fulton Hutchinson
No. 10. M. Cain (later written in pen "Miss Allie Johnston")

On motion the No. 5 school be supplied with a teacher by Mr. Kelso, the local director.
(Ed. note. The name of J. S. Hutchinson was written in at a later date as was No. 6, Miss Cook and No. 10, Miss Allie Johnston)

On motion, cd(carried), Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays on which teachers be allowed pay same as if teacher's (cut off).

On motion the school be opened on the first Monday of Sept. next.

On motion the secretary make out the duplicate of school tax.

On motion warrants to Rev. F. A. Hutchinson for \$5.25 & Geo. W. McMurray for \$3.00 be granted for incidental expenses.

On motion adjourned to meet at call of President.

John Kelso, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 5 AUG. 25, 1883

Board met on call of President. President Kelso in chair. Members present: Kelso, Walker, McFarland, Guy, Campbell, McMichael. The President explained the reasons for the call which were that there was opposition to Miss Cook and that there were other applicants and that it was his wish that the Board of Directors relieve him of the responsibility of supplying the school with a teacher. Miss Cook not being present with her certificate Mr. McFarland offered the following:

Whereas The board at the meeting Aug. 4 having provisionally elected Miss Cook to the No. 5 school therefore by motion unanimously carried Mr. Kelso be authorized to supply the school with a teacher - Miss Cook or any other teacher who in his judgment may be to the best advantage of the district.

By Motion the board voted to supply themselves with a copy each of the Penna school Journal, the Secy instructed to forward the subscriptions.

By Motion the grading of the schools be left to the teachers and the local directors.

On motion we adjourn to meet at No. 2 School House Oakdale Sat. Sept 8 at 5 P.M.

Jas. Kelso, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy

SCHOOL ROOM NO 2 OAKDALE PA SEPT. 8, 1883

Board convened. Present: Guy, McFarland, Walker, Campbell, McMichael. In absence of Pres. Kelso, Mr. W. C. McFarland was elected Pres. - pro tem. Minutes of Aug. 4 read and approved. Minutes of special meeting Aug. 25 read and approved.

Committee on building new room in No. 2 Dist reported the building completed & keys delivered to Board.

Committee on building new room in No. 7 Dist. reported the new room completed. On motion the Building Committee report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. W. C. McFarland reported that W. M. Cain who was elected teacher to No. 10 school room had resigned and that he had supplied the school with a teacher in the person of Miss Allie Johnston. By motion carried Mr. McFarland's action was ratified.

Report of committees for the different school rooms were that all except Nos. 2, 5 & 10 were successful operation. The rooms mentioned were not opened for teachers for sufficient cause.

By motion the report of Secy, on notices for the better protection of school property was accepted.

Mr. Matchet, on contract for building new room in No. 2 dist. was adjusted at \$935, for building & stonework. On motion a warrant for \$535, (in addition to a former warrant for \$400) making the full amt. of his contract. Mr. David Stewarts acct on contract for building new room in No. 7 dist, was adjusted at \$926, being the amount in full including stone work. On motion a warrant was granted for \$562, in addition to the \$400 being the amt in full for completion of building.

On motion a warrant was granted Mr. Walker for \$6.18 six dollars and eighteen cts for contingencies.

On motion a warrant was granted J. N. Guy \$21.25 twenty one dollars & 25ct for contingencies.

On motion a warrant was granted to John Kelso for \$3.95 repairing No. 5 contingencies.

On motion a warrant was granted to W. C. McFarland for \$2.50 contingencies for No. 5.

On motion a warrant was granted J. R. McMichael contingencies for No. 7 - 1st and 2nd room.

Warrants were given to J. M. Montgomery \$18.70 and David Stewart - \$5.75 for putting down seats, new locks on room doors and glass.

On motion Mrs. Tracy's child was allowed to attend No. 3 upper room.

On motion adjourned to meet last Friday 5th Oct. at Oakdale at 1 o'clock P.M.

W. C. McFarland, Pres. pro tem
Jno R. McMichael, Secy.

Total amt drawn from treasury on warrants \$1,992.55 to date.

OAKDALE OCTOBER 5, 1883

Board of Directors met in absence of President John Kelso. W. C. McFarland elected Pres. pro tem. Present: McFarland, Campbell, Walker, Guy and McMichael. Minutes of Sept 8 read and approved.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of a visit to rooms one and two of school No 2 to hear the recitations of classes but owing to the lateness of the hour the members assembled were only able to hear but two classes in 1st room both of which seemed well prepared & recited satisfactorily. The only study which the members could criticise was the writing which showed very little improvement. Otherwise the school seemed to be progressing satisfactorily.

The board then got to business. Reports from committees were then heard. Mr. Campbell reported Nos 3 & 4 doing well. Mr. Walker reported No. 8 & room two of No. 3 school doing very well. Mr. McFarland reported No. 6 small but progressing satisfactorily & No. 10 very much improved under the management of Miss Johnston. McMichael reported rooms 1 & 2 of No. 7 getting along very well & vastly improved under the care of Miss Farrar & Miss McConnell compared with the(page cut)

On motion a child of Mr. DeVaughn (written over in pencil "Vaul") was admitted to No. 3 by the payment of pro rata rates tuition. On motion a child of Mrs. Allshouse (written over in pencil "McGrady") was admitted to room No. 3.

On motion J. W. Guy was authorized to have No. 2 room papered.

On motion J. W. Guy was appointed a committee to procure fire kinders and crayons for the different schools.

On motion it was agreed that we place one copy of the temperance text book in the hands of each teacher with instructions to read a chapter to the scholars at any and every time they may have the opportunity they may have time to do so & explain the same as best they can.

On motion the following warrants were granted:

To Miss Nannie McConnell - one month's teaching	\$33
To Miss Jessie Farrar - one month's teaching No. 7	\$33
To Diamond Nat. Bank School furniture Nos. 2 & 7	\$355
To W. A. Thompson repairs No. 10	8.10
To Martin Logan - contingencies No. 6	16.3 (?)
To David Campbell - contingencies No. 4	8.5 (?)
To Rev. F. A. Hutchinson - contingencies - No. 5	9. (?)
To J. W. Guy - Insurance No. 2 & 7	18.9 (?)
To Miss Bell Robb - one month's teaching No. 4	33.00
To Mattie Allison - one month's teaching - room 2 No. 3	33.00
To Luella Miller - one month's teaching - room 2 No. 2	33.00
To W. C. Wallace - one month's teaching - room 1 No. 2	33.00
TOTAL OCTOBER 5, 1883	\$614.6 (?)
Total amt drawn from Treasury on warrant to date	\$1992.58
	\$2607.79

On motion adjourned to meet 1st Friday of Nov. at Noblestown at 1 p.m.

W. C. McFarland, Pres. pro tem
McMichael, Secy.

BEECH CLIFF SCHOOL ROOM OCT. 15, 1883

Board of Directors met at call of President. Members present: Kelso, McFarland, Walker & McMichael. Pres. Kelso in chair. The President then stated the object of the call meeting was to consider the adoption of the Appleton Charts as a means of instruction for primary classes.

Mr. A. T. Douthet Agent for the Charts then exhibited to the teachers and board the manner of imparting instructions from them by a class drill of the school.

On motion carried (which was discussed at considerable length by all the members present) it was agreed to adopt the Appleton charts on the following conditions. Mr. Douthet to furnish nine charts and any of the teachers who have been supplied with them fail to be able to teach or refuses to teach them Mr. Douthet agreed to receive back the charts refused by the teachers from the board at next meeting Nov 2.

On motion Mr. Guy be requested to withhold the papering of No. 2 room until after next meeting.

The following warrants were granted:

Fulton Hutchinson- one month's teaching No. 8	\$33.00
J. S. Hutchinson - one month's teaching No. 5	33.00
Willa Cook - one month's teaching No. 6	33.00
Allie Johnston - one month's teaching - No. 10	33.00
	\$132.00
	2607.19
	\$2739.19

By motion adjourned.

Jno Kelso, Pres.
Jno R. McMichael, Sec.

NOBLESTOWN NOV 2, 1883

Board of directors met. Pres. Kelso in chair. Present: McFarland, Kelso, Campbell, Guy, Walker and McMichael. The forenoon session was spent in hearing Mr. A. T. Douthett instructing the methods of teaching the Appleton charts which by agreement he was to do. All teachers present but Miss Johnston. The teachers were called to show their manner of teaching which was reluctantly responded to by some of the teachers - by others in a flippant defiant manner which members considered were merely time serving(?) teachers. Whist others responded in a hearty honest manner which plainly showed them to be honest workers and that heart and mind were both in their work.

In the afternoon session Minutes of Oct. 5 read and approved also called meeting of Oct. 15 read and approved.

On motion the children of John Brensen (?) were admitted to Noblestown school and that they together with the other children should pay .50 cts per mo for each scholar & that the local director collect fees.

On motion (carried) the motion to the papering of No. 2 room was reconsidered. Whence the original motion was lost.

Committee on crayons & fire kinders reported his duty fulfilled and by motion was discharged.

Committee on visiting schools reported progress.

On motion the board adopted 9 copies of the Appleton charts.

On motion a committee of three be appointed to examine the Outline maps of the different series.

On motion the following warrants were granted:

\$33.00	No. To Miss Nannie McConnell - one month's teaching	
	No. 1-To Miss Jessie Farrar - one month's teaching	33.00
	No. 2-To Miss Luella Miller - one month's teaching	33.00
	No. 4-To Miss Bell Robb - one month's teaching	33.00
	No. 5-To Miss Allie Johnston - one month's teaching	
37.00		
	No. 6-To Miss Mattie Allison - one month's teaching	
33.00		
	No. 3-Mr. W. c. Wallace- one month's teaching	33.00
	No. 7-Mr. Harry Clark - two month's teaching	
66.00		
	No. 8- Mr. J. S. Hutchinson - one month's teaching	33.00
	No. 9-Miss M. Waugh - two month's teaching	
66.00		
	No. 10 - Mr. Fulton Hutchinson - one month's teaching	
33.00		
	Hoffman & Wade - Contingencies	13.98
	S. Newton	5.00
	No. 11-Miss Willa Cook - one month's teaching	33.00
	No. 12-J. W. Guy - contingencies	16.03
	No. 13 - Geo. W. McMurray	2.50
	No. 14 - A. T. Douthet	
10.50		
	TOTAL	514.01
		\$2739.17
	TOTAL WARRANTS TO DATE	\$3253.25

SHIRLAND DECEMBER 8, 1883

Board of Directors convened at 1 p.m., President Kelso in chair. present: Kelso, McFarland, Guy, Campbell and McMichael.

The meeting being on a regular school day Miss Cook's school was in session. The various reading classes were heard which showed that the teacher is paying considerable attention to teaching reading. The exercises were remarked on by Messrs. Guy, McFarland, McMichael of Board and Rev. F. A. Hutchison and H. E. McBride, patron of school. After recommendations on reorganizing classes Miss Cook was requested to dismiss the school.

OAKDALE MARCH 22, 1884

Board of school directors convened. Present: McFarland, Guy, Campbell & McMichael. President being absent J. W. Guy was elected pres pro tem. Minutes of meeting Feby. 22 read and approved.

Reports of standing committees for the a different schools in the twp. were received. From No. 1 the report was satisfactory but that the teacher, Miss W, had retired from the profession. Dist. no. 2 room was successfully & satisfactorily taught during term but Mr. Wallace had also retired from the profession. The teacher in room No. 2 was not altogether what could be wished in a teacher considered much below average. Reports from both rooms in No. 3 dist. were very satisfactory. Also for No. 4 com(mittee) - on No. 5 not present. Report from No. 6 unsatisfactory teacher only a partial success. From No. 7 visit both teachers were well liked and did their duty. No. 8 - no report. No. 10 very successful. Not closed at this date. Taking the reports for the term the Board should feel satisfied selecting their teachers from amongst so few applicants and many of them (???) that they succeeded so well and considering the wages paid the schools will compare favorably with better salaried teachers.

Warrants for the sixth and last month were ordered for:		
	No. 1-Miss Waugh - one month's teaching	\$33.00
33.00	No. 2-(1st room)-W.C. Wallace one month's teaching	
33.00	No. 2 -(2nd room)-Luella Miller - one month's teaching	
33.00	No. 3-(1st room) - H. E. Clark - one month's teaching	
	No. 3-(2nd room) - Mattie Allison - one month's teaching	33.00
	No. 4 - Bell Robb - one month's teaching	33.00
	No. 5 - E. S. Hutchinson " " "	33.00
	No. 6 - Willa Cook " " "	33.00
33.00	No. 7 -(1st room)-Jessie Farrar - one month's teaching	
	No. 7-(2nd room)-N.J. McConnell - one month's teaching	33.00
	No. 8 - Fulton Hutchinson - one month's teaching	33.00
35.00	No.10 - Miss Johnston	
	McFarland & Co.	48.15
	McLarn & Stewart	5.36
	Sample & Conway (referred for reduction	7.10
	Geo. W. Hoffman	6.40
	A. J. Jardin	1.47
	David Campbell	1.00
	W. H. Logan	.95

Imperial Store	1.85
J. A. Grinage	1.38
R. L. Anderson	2.60
Adjourned for dinner.	

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. Kelso being present & Mr. Robb Thom being notified also presented himself to have decided the tie in the vote for Director at last election. Secy prepared tickets as directed by law. The candidates drew their tickets when Mr. Thom was successful in drawing the ticket marked "Director" and was declared elected for the term of three years.

By motion adjourned to meet Sat. Apr. 12 - 5 P.M. No. 8

J. W. Guy, Prest. pro tem
McMichael, Secy.

NO 8 APR 2, 1884

Board met no quorum present

Warrants granted to G. Walker \$12.05 contingencies
W. C. McFarland \$2.05 contingencies

NO 5 SCHOOL ROOM JUNE 2, 1884

Board of School Directors convened. Present: Guy, McFarland, Campbell, McMichael and Walker. President Kelso being absent J. N. Guy was elected Pres. pro tem. Minutes of March 28 read and approved and action of members meeting April 12 ratified.

Treasurer made report of finances as follows. Amt paid out on warrants. Deficiencies:
By motion Treas was exonerated of \$138.45 - One hundred & thirty-eight.45.
On motion the following warrants were granted:

Warrant to W. C McFarland - contingencies No. 10	\$1.65
Warrant to Miss Miller - interest on warrant	.66
Warrant to Fulton Hutchinson - interest on warrant	1.00
Warrant to Miss Robb - interest on warrant	.66
Warrant to Rev. Hutchinson - over-paid monies	78.00
Warrant to Jno. R. McMichael, Secy, salary	25.00

Business for school year being closed. Mr. W. C. McFarland pronounced a warm eulogy on Mr. Campbell and Mr. Kelso for their faithful attendance, the work they have

The Board then went into executive session by reading of minutes of meeting Nov. 2nd, 1883 which were adopted as read.

By motion carried the following warrants were granted:

Miss Mattie Waugh - one month's teaching	\$30.00
Miss Luella Miller " " "	30.00
Miss Mattie Allison " " "	30.00
Miss Bell Robb " " "	30.00
Miss Willa Cook " " "	30.00
Miss Jessie Farrar " " "	30.00
Miss Nannie McConnell " " "	30.00
Miss Alice Johnson " " "	35.00
Mr. W. C. Wallace " " "	30.00
Mr. H. E. Clark " " "	30.00
Mr. E. S. Hutchinson " " "	30.00
Mr. Fulton Hutchinson " " "	30.00
J. R. McMichael	17.50
J. W. Guy	14.00
W. J. McEwen	5.00
Imperial Store	6.50
Harry Bowen	.50
John Kelso	1.00
Total	409.50
Grand Total	\$3253.20
TOTAL TO DATE	\$3662.70

By motion the following was passed that where there is money enough in the treasury sufficient to meet all immediate demands therefore resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to postpone the collection of the tax contained in the duplicate for two months and extend the deduction for prompt payment to the 1st of Oct. and the face of the amt, to the 1st of December.

Committee on outline maps reported with recommendation that the purchase be deferred until the opening of the term of 1884.

By motion of Mr. McFarland the board is now adjourned to meet at Imperial school 2nd Friday Jan. 1884.

John Kelso, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy

NO. 8 SCHOOL ROOM FEB. 22, 1884

Board of Directors convened with Pres. Kelso in chair. Present: Kelso, McFarland, Guy, Walker, Campbell and McMichael. Minutes of meeting Dec. 8 read and approved. Secy then stated that at the meeting at Imperial there not being a quorum

present Kelso, McFadden & McMichael had issued warrants for one month's salary to teachers and asked that their action be ratified. By motion of Mr. Campbell the action of the members was ratified.

Standing committees on schools was called to report & the reports were all favorable except to No. 8. Complaints had come to members from several patrons of the school. The school being in session a short time during meeting the members could find no cause for complaint but that, the school compared favorably with others the board had visited.

Mrs. Douthett candidate for Co. Superintendent being present addressed the meeting presenting her claims for election to the office.

On motion Treasurer was authorized to collect the amts due Board for use of school houses for holding elections.

On motion Secretary was authorized to sign President's name to warrants for teachers.

On motion Sec. was authorized to secure the loan of \$500, for 8 months. Secy, reported Mr. Walker offered to loan the amount to the board at 5% interest which proposition by motion was accepted.

By motion the following warrants were granted:

1. Miss M. Waugh - one month's teaching	\$33.00
2. Miss Miller " " "	33.00
3. Mr. W. C. Wallace " " "	33.00
4. Mr. Harry Clark " " "	33.00
5. Miss Mattie Allison " " "	33.00
6. Miss Bell Robb " " "	33.00
7. Mr. E. Hutchinson " " "	33.00
8. Miss Willa Cook " " "	33.00
9. Miss Jessie Farrar " " "	33.00
10. Miss Nannie McConnell " " "	33.00
11. Mr. Fulton Hutchinson " " "	33.00
12. Miss Allie Johnston " " "	35.00
13. A. W. Thompson - 400 bus coal @ 6 c	24.00
14. J. W. Guy - insurance Imperial School	21.07

By motion Board adjourned to meet at Oakdale last Friday 28th of Mch 1884

John Kelso, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy

done during their term of office. Moved a vote of thanks to these members which passed unanimously.

By motion the board adjourned sine die.

J. W. Guy, Pres.
Jno R. McMichael, Secy.

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 8 - JUNE 2ND, 1884

Board of School Directors met for organizing. On temporary organization J. W. Guy was elected President and Jno R. McMichael Secy. Mr. Thom and Dr. W. P. Taylor the newly elected members presented themselves when the temporary offices were continued permanently. The role of members for the school year consists of J. W. Guy, Pres.; Jno. R. McMichael, secy; W. C. McFarland, Gabriel Walker, Robt Thom, Dr. W. P. Taylor.

A committee from the Northwest portion of the Twp were present to present and urge their claims for better accommodations for schools. Mr. Jos. Wallace, John McMichael & Robt Thom addressed the board on their claims and their grievances. When by motion a committee consisting of J. W. Guy, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Walker was appointed to view the territory from the Panhandle at McDonald to the Findlay Tp. line for the purpose of selecting a sight for the proposed S.H. and report at the next meeting.

On motion Treas bond was accepted.

On motion there be six months school term.

On motion the salary of eleven teachers be \$33, thirty-three dollars and Imperial School be \$35. per month.

By motion adjourn to meet Sat. June 7, at 5 P.M.

J. W. Guy, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

NO. 8 SCHOOL ROOM JUNE 7, 1884

Board of School Directors met. President - J. W. Guy in chair. All members present. Minutes of Board of 1882 and 1884 read and approved. Minutes of June 2nd read and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Committee on viewing west end of district for school purposes made a very full and careful report setting forth that by building a new school room in the south position of No. 4 district and moving No. 4 room down to a suitable location on the NorthBranch of

Robinson Run and No. 5 room to what is known as the Partridge farm all persons can be very accommodated. By motion of McMichael report was accepted. Committee discharged.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Jno. R. McMichael two mills be levied for school purposes. Vote affirm: Guy, McFarland, Walker, Taylor, Thom & McMichael.

On motion of Mr. Thom 1/2 mill be levied for building purposes. Affirm: McFarland, Walker, Thom, D. Taylor. Not voting: Guy & McMichael.

On motion Treas. be instructed to lift the monies due the school fund for use of school houses for holding elections.

On motion Board meet at Oakdale 1st Sat. of Aug. at 10 A.M. for the purpose of electing teachers, adopting text books and other business.

By motion warrants were granted to:

Henry Adams	\$2.00	
A. M. McBride		2.00
A. J. Jardine	1.00	
(Auditor's fees)		

J. W. Guy, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

ANNUAL DISTRICT REPORT

To Superintendent of Allegheny Co. The Directors report for the School District of North Fayette for the School Year ending June 1884.

Schools

Whole number of months taught	6
Whole No. of Schools	12
Average number of months taught	6

Teachers

Number of male teachers employed	4
Number of female teachers employed	8
Average salaries of males	\$33.00
Average salaries of females	\$33.20

Scholars

No. of male scholars attending school	
No. of female scholars attending school	
Whole No. of scholars attending school	561

Average daily attendance	337
Average percent of attendance	
Cost of each pupil per month	67 1/2
Receipts	
Number of mills levied for school purposes	1 1/2
Number of mills levied for building purposes	1/2
Amount levied for school purposes	\$2416.00
Amount levied for building purposes	805.33
Treasuries	
Bal. on hand from last year	\$1236.20
Recd. from State Appropriation	317.48
From collector including taxes of all kinds	2020.53
From loans	568.52
From all other sources	16.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$5059.23
Acct. expended for Building and School Purposes	
For building houses	\$1897.00
For teachers wages	2256.00
For fuel and contingencies	355.63
For fees of Collector	147.21
For furniture for new buildings	374.30
For Insurance on new rooms & No. 10 room	29.09
TOTAL	\$5059.23
Liabilities & Resources	
Cash on hand if any	
Amt due District	118.38
Amt due Treasurer if any	
Total debt of district (including borrowed money & unpaid warrants)	786.76
(Less amt. due district. Liabilities in excess of resources)	668.38

OAKDALE AUG. 2, 1884

Board of School Directors met. Pres. Guy in chair. Present: Guy, Taylor, Thom, McFarland & McMichael. Minutes of June 7, 1884 read and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The list of standing committees for school year was reported as follows:
 For school No. 1 - Guy and McMichael. No. 2 both rooms - Guy. No. 3 - both rooms - Taylor. Nos. 4 and 8 - Walker. Nos. 5 & 10 - Thom. Nos 10 & 6 - McFarland. No. 7 - both rooms - McMichael.

On motion the following text books for school year were adopted - Bible, Appleton's series of readers & charts, Harpers Geographic, Goff's Arithmetics, Burt's Grammar & Modern speller & Harpers Copy book.

The matter of cleaning school rooms was discussed when by motion carried it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of local committees to have the work done as cheaply as possible.

By motion carried, the necessary repairs be referred to local committees.

By motion the Secy was authorized to procure the following list of supplies: 50 bundles five kindlers, 1 gross box of crayons, 2 doz. brooms, 1 doz coal buckets, 1 doz water buckets, 1 doz tin cups, 1 gross blackboard erasers.

On motion the treasurer was authorized to extend the time of collecting the school tax to the same regulations of last year.

On motion children shall be admitted to the Nobletown school on condition the rooms are not overcrowded & that tuition of .75 cts per month in advance be paid to Dr. W. P. Taylor.

On motion adjourned for dinner.
 Afternoon session all board present.

The board then proceeded to the election of teachers which resulted as follows:

Dist. No. 1 - Miss Annie Portman
 Dist. No. 2 - Miss Libbie Montgomery
 - Room 2 - Miss Luella Miller
 Dist. No. 3 - Harry E. Clark
 - Room 2 - Miss M. Allison
 Dist. No. 4 - Miss Bell Robb
 Dist. No. 5 - Mr. Ed. J. Hutchinson
 Dist. No. 6 - Miss Blanch Mulhollan
 Dist. No. 7 - Room 1 - Miss Jessie E. Farrar
 Room 2 - Miss Mattie Austice
 Dist. No. 8 - Miss Maggie Gilchrist
 Dist. 10 - Mr. Robt Millis

By motion vacancies be filled by the local directors

By motion the board purchase outline maps. On motion Messrs Guy, Taylor & McMichael be a committee to examine and purchase maps.

On motion in future Secy. notify members by postal of place & time of meeting.

On motion adjourn to meet Sept. 25 at No. 8 (at) 1 P.M.

J. W. Guy, Pres.
 McMichael, Secy

NO. 8 SCHOOL ROOM SEPT 25, 1884

Board of School directors met. All members present. Pres. J. W. Guy in chair. Minutes of Aug. 2nd, 1884 read and approved.

Standing Committees for the different school rooms of the Twp. reported the schools all opened and progressing satisfactory to committee. Mr. Guy reported that he had placed Miss Miller in lower room in No. 2. McMichael reported Miss Mattie Austice in lower room in No. 7. McFarland reported Robt. Milles in Imperial School. On motion the action of committee in appointing teachers in vacant rooms be ratified.

Report of Committees on cleaning school rooms by motion was accepted and warrants ordered for payment of same.

By motion all monies received by members of Board be turned into treasurer taking receipts which shall be filed with Secy.

Secy. as committee on supplies reported the supplies recd & distributed to the different schools.

Committee on outline maps reported the purchase of Cornell's maps for 9 schools for the sum of \$95.

Mr. Thom reported the fence enclosing the lot of No. 5 school was in bad condition. By motion Mr. Thom was instructed to investigate who was the parties legally bound to keep the fences surrounding the lot repaired & also to see that they are properly repaired.

By motion warrants were granted to teachers:

	No. 1 - Miss Annie Portman - one months teaching	\$33.00
33.00	No. 2 - Miss Lib Montgomery " " "	
	No. 2 - Miss Luella Miller " " "	33.00
33.00	No. 3 - Harry E. Clark " " "	
	No. 3 - Miss Mattie Allison " " "	33.00
	No. 4 - Miss Bell Robb " " "	33.00
	No. 5 - Mr. J. E. Hutchinson " " "	33.00
	No. 6 - Miss Blanch Mulholland " " "	33.00
	No. 7 - Miss Jessie E. Farrar " " "	33.00
	No. 7 - M. J. Austice " " "	33.00
	No. 8 - Miss Gilchrist " " "	33.00
	No. 10 - Mr. Robt. Milles " " "	35.00
	Auditor's fees	2.00

J. R. McMichael	11.00
Dr. Taylor	8.00
McFarland	1.75
Miss Meanor	2.00
Miss Walker	2.00
Miss Logan	1.00
James Wible	12.00

Total Warrants to Date

\$446.

On motion adjourned to meet Friday No. 7 at No. 1 school at 1 P.M.

J. W. Guy, Pres.

J. R. McMichael, Secy

NO. 1 SCHOOL ROOM N. FAYETTE TP. NOV. 7, 1884

Board of school directors met. Present: Guy, Walker, Thom, McFarland, and McMichael. President J. W. Guy in chair. Minutes of Sept. 25, 1884 read and approved.

Report of Committees on visitation of schools. Favorable reports from committees for all the schools except No. 10 Imperial. Mr. McFarland reported that he had dismissed the teacher for sufficient cause that of drunkenness & neglect of his duties. He, Mr. McFarland, further reported that he had secured Mr. Jas. A. Alexander for teacher for remainder of term.

Mr. Thom as committee on the school fence surrounding No. 5 school lot reported that the agreement with Mr. Walker was that he was to make and keep up half the line fence & Mr. H. Crook's as legatee of Mr. Walker was equally bound by the contract or agreement & further that Mr. Crooks asked for time (for certain reasons) to repair fence & at this time has not yet made repairs. Mr. Thom's report was accepted then by motion carried Mr. McFarland was added to the committee with instructions to settle the matter amicably with Mr. Crooks if not then forcibly.

By motion Mrs. Kipp was allowed \$3.00 for cleaning No. 8.

By motion Mr. Walker was allowed to purchase fire kinders for No. 1.

By motion Mr. Guy was to purchase repairs for stove. Committee to repair porch & paint black board in Nov.

By motion the following warrants were granted:

No. 1 - Miss Portman - one month's teaching	\$33.00
No. 2 - Miss Montgomery " " "	33.00
No. 2 - Miss Miller " " "	33.00

No. 3 - Mr. Clark	"	"	"	33.00
No. 3 - Miss Allison	"	"	"	33.00
No. 4 - Miss Robb	"	"	"	33.00
No. 5 - Mr. Hutchinson	"	"	"	33.00
No. 6 - Miss Mulholland	"	"	"	33.00
No. 7 - Miss Farrar	"	"	"	33.00
No. 7 - Miss Austice	"	"	"	33.00
No. 8 - Miss Gilchrist	"	"	"	33.00
J. R. McMichael				19.95
D. Appleton & Co.				95.00
Jas. Robinson				14.00
J. F. Grinage				17.44
J. W. Guy				8.80
Gabriel Walker				

517.78

\$1035.97

446.00

Total up to date

\$1481.97

By motion adjourned to meet at No. 5 school house Friday Dec. 5, 1884.

J. E. Guy, Pres.

Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 5, DEC. 5, 1884

Board of School Directors met J. W. Guy in chair. Present: Guy, McFarland, Thom, Walker & Taylor. In absence of Secy Dr. Taylor was elected Sec. pro tem. Minutes of No. 7, 1884 read and approved.

Standing committees on the schools of Tp. reported the schools progressing satisfactorily.

Special Committees Mr. McFarland and Thom reported that Mr. Crooks seems willing to settle the matter of building the fence on upper side of school lot No. 5 amicably. On motion report accepted and committee continued. On motion the committee were instructed to inform Mr. Crooks be notified to build a lawful fence (not barbed wire) on his share of line fence around lot No. 5 and that a copy of resolution given to committee..

On motion of Mr. McFarland that we, the Board of School Directors urge the Treas. to collect the amt. due the Board from election Board - past and present and that the Secy. send Treas. copy of this resolution.

Jas. Robinson appeared in person and stated he had lost warrant granted at last meeting. On motion the warrant was duplicated.

On motion the following warrants were granted:

No. 1 - Miss Portman - one month's teaching	\$33.00
No. 2 - Miss Montgomery " " "	33.00
No. 2 - Miss Miller " " "	33.00
No. 3 - Mr. Clark " " "	33.00
No. 3 - Miss Allison " " "	33.00
No. 4 - Miss Robb " " "	33.00
No. 5 - Mr. Hutchinson " " "	33.00
No. 6 - Miss Mulholland " " "	33.00
No. 7 - Miss Farrar " " "	33.00
No. 7 - Miss Austice " " "	33.00
No. 8 - Miss Gilchrist " " "	33.00
J. W. Guy	21.25
G. Walker - Coal No. 8 & No. 5	13.50
W. Singers- Coal No. 3	27.18

Total Amount to date \$1885.65

Guy Warrant \$425.93

\$2346.58

On motion adjourned to meet Imperial S.R. on 1st for Jan 2, 1885

J. W. Guy, Pres.

W. P. Taylor, Secy. pro tem

IMPERIAL JAN 2, 1885

Board of school directors met Pres. Guy in chair. Members present: Guy, Thom, Walker, McFarland and McMichael. Minutes of meeting Dec. 5 read and approved.

Standing committees on the sub districts reported the schools progressing without complaint from any patrons. The members present during visitations in Imperial school expressed themselves satisfied with the work of Mr. Alexander in the school.

The committee on fencing Half Crown school lot reported progress report accepted and committee continued.

On motion warrants to teachers be granted amt in to \$398.00

Total for sundries 148.20

Total- \$546.20

Total to date \$2346.58

By motion carried we adjourn to meet at No. 7 Feb. 20 at 10 A.M

J. W. Guy, Pres.
McMichael, Sec.

BEECH CLIFF FEB 20, 1885

Board met not having a quorum present no business done except issue warrants to teachers. One to W. E. Sample \$3.89. J. R. McM. \$5.20. Conway dinner & horse feed \$1.50. Henry Adams \$3.28. W. J. Robb \$9.25 making a total of \$415.89

OAKDALE FEB. 14, 1885

Board of school directors convened. Pres. J. W. Guy in chair. Present: Guy, Walker, Taylor, Thom, McFarland and McMichael. Minutes of Jan. 5, (Imperial) meeting read and approved. The action of McFarland, Walker and McMichael at Cliff schools in granting warrants to teachers and sundry was confirmed.

Report of committees on the different schools was recd. From No. 1 report was favorable to teachers from both rooms in No. 2 and both rooms No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 all very satisfactory from patrons through local directors. From No. 6 - 1st room No. 7 & No. 8 reports from local directors which can be remembered at next election.

Committee on the line fence around No. 5 reported progress and were continued.

By motion W. C. McFarland & McMichael were appointed a committee to examine the registers of the teachers to see that the receipts and percentages were correct.

R. J. Conway collector for 1883 & 84 reported \$27.26 additional exonerations which by motion was accepted & a warrant for the amt. ordered.

By motion the school board agreed to allow the supervisors & audit the use of No. 8 school room on 1st and 2nd Mondays of March. Each year 1/2 of each pay the board paying the teachers for the time.

By motion the board through the pres. and secy. order the assessor to make assessment of all persons & property moved into the twp. after Apr. 1st, 1885.

By motion warrants were ordered for teachers for the 6th & last month of term ending March also incidentals. To all teachers amounting to \$398.

Contingencies:

S. Dawson - coal #2	\$4.82
David Stewart - repair No. 1	11.30
G. Walker - repair No. 4 & 8	5.83
J. W. Guy - repair No. 2	2.22
W. C. McFarland - Fuel No. 6 & 10	5.20

Dr. Taylor - repairs No. 8	2.00	
R. L. Anderson - dinners	2.25	
Jas. Robinson - Fuel No 5	5.60	
McL & S. - sundries	10.92	Total \$448.12
TOTAL TO DATE		\$3756.79

OAKDALE SCHOOL NO. 2 JUNE 1ST 1885

Board of School Directors convened in conformity with the School Laws of the State of Pennsylvania. Pres. J. W. Guy in chair. Minutes of March 17 read and approved. No routine business to transact.

The following warrants were granted:

Salary for secretary	\$25.00	
J. W. Ewing - additional assessment	6.00	
R. J. Conway - repairs on No. 1 and 7		4.00
Conn - fuel	1.50	
J. A. Weible - dinners	4.00	
Board of Auditors fees		3.00

The Collector presented list of exonerations which amounted to \$200.00 which by motion was accepted. All members voting in affirmative.

On settlements of accts. the secy reported in the hands of Treas.	\$431.39
To be collected	38.80
Total bal. on hand	\$570.19

On motion a vote of thanks be ordered J. W. Guy reitring member of the board for the services he has rendered the public by the sacrifice of self interest during the three years of his membership and that the members who remain feel that we have lost a genial companion and a member whose council was listened to with respect and was always considered safe to follow.

On motion adjourned sine die.

J. W. Guy, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

OAKDALE SCHOOL NO. 2 JUNE 1ST 1885

Board of School Directors convened for the purpose of organizing for school year ending June 1 to 1886. On motion W. P. Taylor was elected the Pres. On motion J. R. McMichael was elected the Sec.

The credentials of W. C. McFarland and J. H. Beaumont, newly elected members was read & they were declared members for three years.

The building of a new school house on or near the Partridge farm was discussed at some length.

Whereby Motion of McFarland the board proceed to rebuild No. 6 after discussion when the ayes and nos were called. Taylor, Walker, Beaumont voting in Aff. Thom & McMichael - nays.

By motion of Mr. Thom a new school house be built on or near Partridge farm on S(teubenville) Pike. Aff. Thom. Neg. All the members.

By motion of McFarland a levy of 2 mills be made for school purposes. All members voting in aff.

By motion a levy of 1/4 mill be made for building purposes. All voting in aff.

By motion Board meet at No. 6 on Friday 12th for the purpose of selecting a sight (site) for new building.

By motion the salaries of teachers be fixed at \$33 for inexperienced & \$37 for experienced teachers.

By motion adjourned.

Dr. W. P. Taylor, Pres.
J. R. McMichael, Secy.

By motion of J. R. Beaumont the Standard copy book published by D. Appleton & Co. was adopted.

NO. 6 SCHOOL ROOM JUNE 12, 1885

Board of school directors met with Pres. W. P. Taylor in chair. All members present. Minutes of June 1st read and approved.

Several of the patrons of No. 6 sub-dist, being present were invited to give an expression of their views on the advisability of moving school room No. 6 from the present location. Messrs A. E. McBride & McCandless favored the removal whilst Messers L. J. Logan and J. C. Marks opposed. After hearing the views of the patrons the board went into private caucus.

After considerable discussion on the subject by all the members by motion it was agreed that the board would rebuild on grounds now occupied with an additional 1/4 or 1/2 acre to be secured from the Logan farm.

On motion Beaumont, McFarland & McMichael were appointed a building committee with power to award contract & ??? with contractor secure additional ground, make survey & receive deed for same.

On motion the motion fixing teachers salaries be reconsidered.

By motion the wages be for over 3 terms teaching \$37., for three terms teaching \$35., under 3 terms \$33 per month.

By motion adjourn to meet at Oakdale on second Sat. Aug 8th at 10 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of electing teachers.

Dr. W. P. Taylor, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Sec.

OAKDALE AUG. 8 1885

Board of School directors met. Pres. W. P. Taylor in chair. All members present. Minutes of June 12 read and approved.

Building Committee reported that they awarded the contract to David Stewart for the building of No. 6 school room for the sum of \$825 - eight hundred & twenty five dollars & the stone work at \$2.10 per perch & that the building is now being rapidly pushed to completion. Committee was continued.

Dr. W. P. Taylor of com. on P. & H. reported in favor of Druglison(?) which by motion was adopted together with the text books used in schools during last term.

Mr. L. J. McAulis, agent for Amis Encyclopedia & Morceatiss (?) Dictionary was heard after which by motion the Board purchased 9 copies of Encyclopedia & 8 copies of Dictionary at \$8. per copy for the sum of \$112.

The Chair appointed the following committees for the different districts in the tp.(townships):

- No. 1 - McMichael & Beaumont
- No. 2 - Beaumont
- No. 3 - Taylor
- No. 4 - Walker
- No. 5 - Thom
- No. 6 - McFarland
- No. 7 - McMichael

No. 8 - Walker
No. 0 - McFarland & Thom

On motion the board proceeded to the election of teachers by marking which resulted as follows:

No. 1 - Miss Anna Portman - 2nd term
No. 2 - first room Mr. Jas Simpson - 4th term
2nd room - Miss Luella Miller - 3 term
No. 3 - 1st room
No. 3 - 2nd room - Miss Bell Robb - 4th term
No. 4 - Miss Allie Gibson - 1st term
No. 5 - Mr. Page Walker - 1st term
No. 6 - Miss Arnie Ewing - 1st term
No. 7 1st room - Miss Sadie Lyons - 4th term
2nd room - Miss Ina M. Stewart - 1st term
No. 8 - Miss Maggie Gilchrist - 4th term
No. 9 - Miss Iona E. Atkinson - 4th term

Jno R. McMichael, Sec., reported he had given a warrant to David Stewart for \$350, in payment for building No. 6 which by motion was ratified.

On motion the cleaning of the school rooms be left to the direction of the local directors.

Committee on fence around No. 5 school lot reported progress and was instructed to notify Mr. H. C. Crooks to repair fence before Sept first or the board would be compelled to repair it at his expense. Pres. & Secy. sent official notice.

On motion adjourn to next at No. 6 Sept 25, at 1 P.M.
W. P. Taylor, Pres.
J. R. McMichael, Secy.

By motion the following warrants were granted:

David Stewart	\$350
L. C. McAnlis	112
H. Adams	20.86
McLarn and Stewart	19.40
J. R. McMichael	10.70

SHIRLAND SEPT 25, 1885

Board of School Directors met. All members present. Dr. W. P. Taylor in chair. Minutes of meeting Aug. 8, 1885 read and approved.

Reports of Committee for Nos. 1 & 2 that the teachers opened session on Sept. 7 & were working satisfactorily to himself and patrons.

Dr. Taylor of No. 3 reported that he had placed Mr. R. E. Stewart in the upper room as teacher & that he was very well satisfied with the work the teachers were doing.

Mr. Walker com(mented) on 4 & 8 reported they were going on satisfactorily. Mr. Thom for No. 5 gave favorable reports as did Mr. McFarland & McMichael on Nos. 6 & 7 school teachers.

Mr. W. McFarland reported the school at Imperial No. 9 in good hands and predicted good work.

Committee on fence at No. 5 reported that the fence was now fixed & made lawful. By motion report was accepted & com(mittee) discharged.

By motion carried it was agreed to pay Mr. Martin Logan for all land ovr 1/4 acre - one fourth acre at the rate of \$100 - one hundred dollars in No. 6 school lot for use so long as it shall be used for school purposes.

By motion carried Mr. Walker was instructed to fix the spring at No. 4 in a manner that wil keep it secure & clean.

By motion warrants were granted to teachers for 1 month's wages together with the following for building No. 6:

David Stewart - two warrants \$350 & \$122.60	
McFarland - sundries	\$65.02
Jos. Jenkins - coal No. 2	20.28
Mrs. Turner - cleaning No. 7 & 2	8.00
D. Stewart - extra work No. 6	9.00
Walker - cleaning No. 8	2.00
McFarland - supplis - No. 9	5.00
R. Thom - sundries	3.45
A. Crawford - No. 6	4.00
Dr. Taylor - No. 3	6.00

By motion adjourned. Next at No. 7 Friday, Oct. 30 at 1 PM

Dr. Talor, Pres
McMichael, Secy.

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 7 OCT. 30, 1885

Not being a quorum of the school board present warrants were issued to all the teachers.

Amounting to \$420.00	
Dickson Bros.	\$10.80
J. R. McMichael	18.60
A. C. Johnston	5.00
J. Robinson	10.85
Elmer Rimmel	2.00
B. M. Gibson	1.25
Martin Logan	17.70
Miss Crawford	1.00
TOTAL	487.20

NOBLESTOWN NOV. 27, 1885

Board of School Directors met with all members present. Dr. W. P. Taylor in chair. Minutes of Sept. 25, 1885 read and approved. Also, the action of non quorum at No. 7 (on) Oct. 30, 1885.

Committees from the different sub districts in the tp (township) reported the schools progressing satisfactorily except the upper room in No. 3 & No. 5 & nothing serious from them but what time, patience and careful watching and advise on the part of the local director can bring right.

Mr. Walker reported progress on fixing spring at No. 4 & by motion committee was continued with instruction to have work completed without delay.

Secretary reported the expiration of insurance on seven school buildings and by motion was instructed to renew the insurance.

Secretary reported the deed for No. 6 school lot from Martin Logan property acknowledged and executed. By Motion secy. was instructed to have the deed placed on record.

On motion warrants to all teachers were ordered to the amt of \$420.00	
Warrant to W. E. Sample	9.00
Warrant to Martin Logan	19.37
Warrant to W. C. McFarland	25.55
Warrant to R. Thom	4.00
Warrant to Wm. Robb	12.00
Warrant to Geo. McMurray	4.70
TOTAL	494.17

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 5 - DEC. 24, 1885

Board of School directors met. Present: Walker, Thom, Beaumont & McMichael. Pres.

W. P. Taylor being absent, J. K. Beaumont was elected Pres. pro tem. Minutes of Nov. 27 read and approved.

Reports of local committees were all favorable except No. 5. Mr. Thom reported lack of discipline on the part of the teacher. But that, through persistent urging the teacher would come out all right.

Report of com(mittee) on repairing spring at No. 4 was prog(ressing) & by motion was continued.

The board heard class recitations. Some of the classes were commended whilst others rec'd some adverse criticism. The school seems to be working tho. complaints to the contrary have been made.

By motion warrants were granted to all of the teachers amounting to \$420.00

To Henry Conn	\$ 6.75
To Gabe Walker	11.10
To Wm. E. Pierce	1.50
To Andrew Crooks	1.80
To Henry Adams	7.17
TOTAL	\$448.32

By motion adjourned to meet at Imperial Friday Jan 29, 1886 at 10 A.M.

J. K. Beaumont, Pres. P. T.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

OAKDALE MARCH 6, 1886

Board of School Directors met with Pres. W. P. Taylor in Chair. All members present. Minutes of Dec. 24 read and approved. Action of members present at Imperial ratified by motion carried.

Reports of local committees on No. 1 that the school progressed without complaint except in the use of the Bible. The director discovered a bible in the teacher's desk unlike the one he has been raised on but could not assert that it was a Doua(y) or catholic bible and for dist. No. 2 schools very good.

Dr. Taylor reported for No. 3 lower room very good but the upper room almost failure.

Mr. Walker reported for No. 4 every thing satisfactory but government which was not good.

Mr. Thom reported No. 5 just middling lack of order & discipline unsatisfactory to both teacher and patrons.

McFarland reported No. 6 - The teacher was a worker & wanted to do the very best but failed to satisfy.

McMichael reported No. 7 upper room very good discipline good order "not" perfect - progress of school never excelled lower room. The teacher work satisfactory to director but failed to please a number of patrons.

No. 9 - Imperial very satisfactory to director & patrons.

On examination of registers of schools it was found that a number of teachers had not taught the full no. of days - 120 - for term. It was by motion resolved to recall those teachers and have them teach out the full time. Afterward this resolution was reconsidered & the time rescinded.

The matter of locating & building in No. 5 sub-district was again discussed & by mutual consent it was agreed that the board would meet at the notice of Mr. Thom during the latter part of the month of May.

By motion warrants were granted to all teachers - \$420.00		
J. R. McMichael		\$ 3.50
S. Sturgeon		6.00
Mrs. Elliott		3.13
McLarn & Stewart		7.70
R. Simpson		2.80
J. Kelvington		1.70
J. K. Beaumont	9.65	
G. Walker	5.20	
G. W. Hoffman	1.64	
Martin Logan	2.40	
McFarland & Co.	9.05	
H. P. Walker	3.43	
H. S. Thompson	1.75	
J. A. Weible	4.30	
W. E. Sample	2.90	
TOTAL		\$485.15

By motion it was agreed that a Bible of the King James version be purchased & placed in each school for the use of the teacher & that they be required to use this & no other.

By motion carried Secy. was appointed a committee to confer with Collier Tp (township) school board on the question of schooling the children of Levi Gregg.

On motion adjourned to meet at call of Secy.

OAKDALE JUNE 7, 1886

Board of School directors met with Pres. W. P. Taylor in chair. All members present. Minutes of March 6 read and approved.

Committee on conferring with Collier Twp. directors on matter of schooling Levi Gregg's children reported that the Collier Twp. Board utterly refused to compensate N. Fayette for certain & very good reasons. By motion report accepted & com. dissolved.

Secy then made report on schools of district that there were 578 pupils enrolled av(erage) attendance - 38 per.ct. of attendance - 80 highest room No. 1 - 92%; 2nd Room 1 No. 2 (school) & room 1 No. 7(school) 90%; lowest No. 4(school) 66%. On motion report was accepted.

Collector W. A. Thompson then presented exonerations on unseated lands \$15.58 which by motion was granted on condition that the same be filed against property (for school year ending 1886).

Collector presented \$6.90 tax on unseated land which was by motion granted on above conditions.

Collector W. A. Thompson presented his exoneration list which amounted to \$178.91 which by motion was accepted & ordered filed.

By motion the following warrants were ordered:

J. R. McMichael, Secy - salary, dinner & horse feed	\$30.25
W. A. Thompson - exoneration for 1885	4.32
Auditor's fees	3.00
TOTAL	\$37.57

By motion adjourned sine die

Dr. W. P. Taylor, Pres
J. R. McMichael, Sec.

Secy. reported \$258.79 bal. from last year.

OAKDALE JUNE 7, 1886

Board of School directors convened & organized 1886-87 re-electing Dr. W. P. Taylor President and Jno R. McMichael, Secy.

On motion J. K. Beaumont & Secy be appointed a committee to confer with Levi Gregg on the matter of schooling his children.

On motion the Board authorized J. C. Marks, Assessor, to make additional assessment.

The representatives from the Half-Crown District put in an appeal for the new school & also petitioned the school Board to reestablish the Half-Crown District with the old boundaries. The former North Star (or No. 9) also presented petition for the reestablishment of this district under the old boundaries. By motion of Mr. Thom the Board build a new school house in No. 5 Half-Crown District. After considerable discussion the question being called, Messrs. Taylor, Thom, Beaumont & Walker voted in the affirmative. McFarland & McMichael in neg. Mr. McFarland then asked & was granted privilege to enter his solemn protest against this procedure of the Board of school directors in establishing a new district necessitating the erecting of a new school building and maintaining one more teacher - thereby useless squandering the public money.

On motion of McMichael there be a seven months term for present school year. Carried.

On motion teachers salaries be \$33 (2 year); \$35 (3 year) same as last yr. All voting in aff.

On motion 2 1/4 mills be levied on assessed valuation for school & 3/4 for building purposes. All aff.

On motion Bond of Treas. Adams was approved.

On motion Appleton's readers were re-adopted for 3 yrs. All the other books for ensuing term - Burt's Grammar, Goff's Arithmetic, Olney's History, Harper's Geog.

On motion Thom & Walker be building com. for new house.

On motion Board meet at Oakdale 2nd Sat. Aug. 10 A.M. for purpose of electing teachers. Adjourned.

Dr. W. P. Taylor, Pres.
McMichael, Secy.

REPORT - UNDATED

Whole no. schools	12
Number teachers	12
Number pupils enrolled in all the schools	578
Av. daily attendance	380
Per. ct. of attendance	82

Av. cost per mo. per scholar & tuition	91
Amt. of tax levied for school purposes	\$3198.75
Amt. of tax levied for building purposes	399.84
Bal. from last year	431.39
From State Appropriation	510.38
From Collector - Tax of all kinds	\$3315.39
From Elections \$25, tuition \$15	40.00
TOTAL	\$4297.16
Monies paid out purchase of ground	19.37
Building House	930.60
Teachers wages	\$2520.00
Rent & Repairs	88.78
Fuel & contingencies	443.04
Fees of collector	122.40
Salary of Secy.	25.00
Auditor's fees	3.00
Insurance	50.45
Amt. in treas.	\$94.52
Amt. due from Coll.	164.27
Total due District	\$258.79

TOTAL AMT. OF DUPLICATE FOR YEAR ENDING 1887

	\$4397.90
Bal from year 1886	258.79
State Appropriation	500.00
Total resources	45155.69
Expenditures approximated	
Teacher's salaries 91 month \$35	\$3185.00
New House/Incidentals	325.00

OAKDALE AUGUST 4, 1886

Board of School Directors met pursuant to Adjournment. President W. P. Taylor in Chair. Present: Taylor, McFarland, Thom, Beaumont & McMichael. Minutes of June 7 read & by motion approved.

Committee on conferring with Levi Gregg reported prog(ress) & by motion were continued.

Committee on building new house in Half-Crown District reported that they had condemned a piece of ground on B. F. Mevey's farm to the amt of 3 Roods & 8 Perches. That they had petitioned court to appoint a Jury of three viewers to assess the amt. of damages caused by entering upon said land and that the Court had issued a precept appointing A. H. Burns, Wm. Glass & J. W. Nesbit viewers who will meet Sat. Aug. 14 at 10 A.M. & further the committee reports that they awarded the contract to Jno Galbraith

for the erection & completion of the new building for the sum of \$875 to be completed by Monday Sept 6 next. By motion adopted & committee continued.

By motion the Agts for furniture were(unfinished)

By motion Secy. was added to building com. for the purpose of selecting furniture. The committee after examination of the Automatic & A. H. Andr.... Mf. Co. reported in favor of A. H. A. & Cos., furniture. Desks, Teachers desks & chairs for the sum of \$136.50. By motion the report was accepted & furniture purchased of Agt. of A. H. A. & Co.

On motion Secy. prepare list of local com(mitees). Which Secy. reported as follows: No. 1 room - Beaumont & McMichael; No. 2 - both rooms, Beaumont; No. 3 - both rooms - Taylor ; No 4 Walker & Taylor; No. 5 - Thom. New room Thom & Walker; No. 6 - McFarland; No. 7 - McMichael; No. 8 - Walker; No. 9 - Imperial - McFarland & Thom.

On motion cleaning & repairs left in hands of local committee each member to use their discretion about cleaning rooms.

By motion adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon meeting Mr. Walker was present.

By motion the board proceed to elect teachers which was done by marking. The result of the election resulted as follows:

	No. 1 - Miss Annie Ewing	\$33.00 per month
	No. 2 - 1st room - J. C. Vance -	\$37.00/Miss McDowell - \$33.00
\$37.00	No. 3 - 1st room -Harry E. Clark -	\$37.00/ 2nd room -Bell S. Robb -
	No. 4 - Mr. H. P. Walker -	\$33.00
	No. 5 - Miss Graf -	\$33.00
	No. 6 - Miss Sara H. Lyons -	\$37.00
	No. 7 - 1st room-Miss Emma Herriott-\$33.00 -	2nd room Miss
Portman\$33.00	No. 8 - David Taylor -	\$33.00
	No. 9 - Miss Iona E. Atkinson -	\$37.00
	No.. - new room Fisher	\$33.00

On motion procure five kindlers

On motion warrant No. 117 was duplicated.

On motion warrant was granted to J. R. McMichael for adding assessment Court chgs, 13 Bibles, charts & outline Maps to the Amt of \$44.60. To J. A. Wible \$3.00

By motion adjourned.

W.P. Taylor, Pres.
J. R. McMichael, Sec.

MEETING - NO DATE

Board of Directors met at new room in HalfCrown Dist. Present: Taylor, Walker, Beaumont & McMichael. The new room although not completed yet so far as members could see was fully up to specifications. On settlement with Mr. Jno H. Galbraith - contractor. Bal. due on building \$575.00 extras \$15. By motion a warrant was ordered to Mr. Galbraith for \$590. By motion carried. Adjourned.

W. P. Taylor, Pres
Jno. R. McMichael, Sec.

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 8 OCT 1ST 1886

Board of School Directors met. All members present. W. P. Taylor in chair. Minutes of Aug. 14, 1886 read and approved. Also meeting Sept. approved.

Report of Committees. Building Committee on new school room reported the building completed and the teacher, Mr. Fisher at work. By motion report was accepted and committee discharged.

The local committee on the different sub districts reported that the rooms had been cleaned at small cost aggregating about \$12 for the 13 rooms. Also that the teachers had assumed their places and the schools have started with good prospects of success.

Mr. Beaumont, chm. on committee for Levi Gregg's children reported progress & was continued.

Communication was rec'd from Findley Tp. which was ordered read. Mr. McFarland offered a resolution that the Secy notify Findley Tp. Board that North Fayette Board would not pay the schooling of any pupils from the borders of this tp. deeming that we have made ample accommodations for all the children in the tp.(township).

Warrants were ordered to all teacherrs amounting to \$453.00. Also to:

B. F. Mevey for	\$150.00
C. P. Court No. 2	9.00
Gab. Walker	12.17
Robt Thom	1.50
Conway Bros	5.00

The board spent 1 1/2 hours in hearing recitations in the school taught by David Taylor. The classes heard were highly satisfactory & for a beginner the board feels satisfied he will be a success

By motion adjourned to meet at No. 7 Oct. 29 at 1 P.M.

W. P. Taylor, Pres.
J. R. McMichael, Secy.

BEECH CLIFF NOV. 5, 1886

Board of school Directors met. All members present with Dr. W. P. Taylor in chair.

The members listened to the regular class drill by the teacher Miss Herriott. At the close of the school Messrs. Taylor, McFarland & McMichael addressed the pupils giving them words of advise and encouraging & commending the teacher in her work. A short visit was paid to Miss Portman in the primary room which passed without comment.

The Board then went into executive session. The minutes of meeting at No. 8 Oct. 1st 1886 were read and approved.

Reports from Local Committees on visitation of the different schools were satisfactory. The teachers were all working to the satisfaction of the directors & patrons.

Committee on conference with Levi Gregg reported progress & were continued.

On motion that when we do adjourn we meet at old HalfCrown school on Friday Dec. 10th at 10 A.M. & at new room at 1 P.M.

On motion carried Dr. Taylor & Robt Thom visit No. 4 school before Dec. 10 & report on that date the teachers work.

By motion warrants were ordered to all teachers amounting to \$453.00.

Fuel & contingencies - J. R. McMichael	\$20.00	
Solicitors fees - A. C. Johnston		12.00
Five Kindlers - Dickson Bros.	10.63	
Repairs No. 1 & 3 - H. Adams		3.00
Fuel - Hugh Wallace	10.50	
Total	\$509.38	
Total warrants up to this date	\$2077.65	

By motion adjourned.

Dr. W. P. Taylor, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

IMPERIAL DEC. 10, 1886

Board of School Directors met at Imperial School. School in session. Board members present: McFarland, Thom, Beaumont, McMichael. Spent 2 hours hearing recitations conducted by Miss Atkinson, the teacher. The school was orderly & most of the recitation very good.

After partaking of dinner the members went into executive session by electing Mr. W. C. Farland Pres. pro tem. Minutes of the meeting No. 5 read and approved.

Committee on the schooling of Levi Gregg children reported that owing to the illness of Mr. Gregg nothing had been done. Committee was instructed to confer with the executor.

Report of committee on visiting No. 4 was received & committee continued.

Local directors returned favorable reports except No. 6 & there was no complaint against the teacher but the trouble was lack of interest in the patrons failing to send their children regularly.

Collector Thompson reported collections on exoneration tax to the amt. of \$5.52 and by motion was granted exoneration to the amt. of \$10.01.

On motion adjourned to meet at No. 6 in 1 1/2 hr. (?) Met at No. 6 Mr. G. Walker present found the school small. Only one half the pupils enrolled present. The recitations heard were fairly good.

By motion warrants were granted to all the teachers amounting to \$453.00.

To Jno Whitmore - fuel to No. 8	\$12.50
To A. Thompson - fuel to No. 3	16.00
To W. A. Thompson - repairs No. 9	5.50
To W. A. Thompson - exoneration	5.39
To J. R. McMichael - dinner	4.00
Total	\$496.39
TOTAL TO DATE	\$2574.04

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 5 JAN. 14, 1887

Board of school directors met. Present: McFarland, Thom, McMichael. About two hours were spent in the old room. Miss Graff, teacher, hearing recitations conducted Supt. Hamilton who commended Miss Graf for the deportment in her school and the recitations of her classes.

Afternoon was spent in the new room in Half Crown Dist. Mr. Walker present. The recitations were conducted by Mr. Hamilton who pronounced the teacher without energy and the school ditto.

Board convened. Minutes of Dec. 10, 1886 read and approved. Committee on visiting No. 4 room, H. P. Walker, teacher, as being in good condition & the teacher doing good work. All patrons of school well satisfied.

Gregg committee continued. Report of visiting local committees waived.

On motion warrants were granted to all teachers amounting to \$453.00.

Fuel to No. 1 - Will McClellan	\$6.30
Dinner & horse feed - Andrew Crooks	1.75
Treas notices & receipts - H. Adams	4.00
Fuel No. 5 - J. Robinson	11.00
Incidentals No. 5 (new room)- R. Fisher	1.34
Total	\$517.39
TOTAL TO DATE	\$3091.43

R. Thom, Pres. pro tem
Jno R. McMichael, Secy.

***Insert after minutes:

Guy Insurance	9.84
Noblestown Teachers Warrant	453.00
Desks	131.50
H. Adams - repairs No. 2	6.82
S. McKinney - fuel No. 4	5.00
J. F. Smith - fuel No. 5	10.50
G. Walker - fuel No. 5	4.40
J. Weaver	1.50
A.. Jardine	3.65
A. Thompson	5.00
R. Simpson	25.67
McMichael	10.00

OAKDALE PA APRIL 15, 1887

Board of School directors met. Pres. W. P. Taylor in Chair. All members present. Minutes of meeting at No. 5 read and approved. Some of the teachers having closed their term whilst others on account of sickness - were still teaching. Nearly all directors reported the teachers giving satisfaction and doing good work.

Committee on Levi Gregg responded progress.

The matter of removing the old school building in No. 5 school dist. was discussed when by motion of Mr. McFarland a committee consisting of Thom, Walker and McMichael be appointed to negotiate for the removal.

In order to pay off teachers it was found & estimated of treas.? that there would not be money enough in hands of Treas. and Collector. It was agreed by motion to borrow \$400.00 - four hundred dollars for three months. All members voting in affirmative.

Warrants were issued to all teachers for the seventh month amounting to \$453.00

W. E. Sample - contingencies No. 7	\$9.87
H. Wallace - Fuel No. 2	3.00
R. McClelland - fuel No. 1	\$4.62
M. Logan - fuel No. 6	9.42
Geo. W. Marshall - fuel No. 9	10.16
McL. 7 Stewart - contingencies 1, 2, 7, 5	35.68
R. Thom - fuel no 5	1.50
W. A. Thompson - con. No. 9	.70
J. A. Wible - dinner & fees	2.75

OAKDALE JUNE 7, 1887

Board of School Directors met, Pres W. P. Taylor in chair. Minutes of meeting April 1887 read and approved. On motion bill for schooling Levi Gregg's children be made out and presented to Administrator of estate.

Committee of removal of No. 5, Half Crown schoolhouse reported the bid of Brown & Elliott of Burgettstown. On motion the proposal was laid on table for action of new board.

By motion tax amounting to \$3.00 on Montours parsonage be refunded.

By motion Secy salary be fixed at \$40.00

W. A. Thompson, collector, presented list of delinquent tax for exoneration amounting to \$180.88, which on motion was accepted. Also \$1.18 on unseated lands which has been placed on file for which a motion to exonerate was agreed to.

The following warrants by motion were granted:

W. C. McFarland - fuel and contingencies No. 3	2.60
W. P. Taylor - fuel and contingencies	17.50
G. Newton - printing	1.00
Tax on Montours Parsonage	3.00
D. W. Pierce - repairs of furniture No. 7	3.00
Board of Auditors	3.00

J. A. Wible - dinners and horse feed	6.00
School Board Attending Convention	9.50
J. C. Marks - services as assessor	4.00
J. R. McMichael - services as secy.	40.00
TOTAL	89.10

Business of the Board of 1886-1887 being finished by motion the Board adjourned. Sine die.

Dr. W. P. Taylor, Pres.
J. R. McMichael, Secy

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF NORTH FAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 6, 1887

Whole No. Schools	13	
Whole No. Teachers employed	13	
Number Pupils Enrolled in al the schools	600	
Average daily attendance	420	
 Amt. of Tax levied for school purposes	 3630.44	
Amt of Tax levied for Building purposes	728.09	

Treas. Acct. of Monies recd.		
Balance on hand from last year		94.52
Recd from State Appropriation		510.38
Recd from Collector Tax of all kinds	4010.00	
Recd from Loans	700.00	
Recd from Tuition \$6 00 Election rents \$25.00	31.00	
TOTAL	\$5345.90	

Treas Account Monies pd. Out

Purchasing grounds	\$150.00
Building & furnishing house	1026 50
Teachers Wages	3171.00
Fuel and Contingencies	404.07
Treas fees	154.20
Secretary's Salary	40.00
Printing & Audirors fees	8.00
Debt & interest paid	303.20
Audit fees June 7, 1884	1.00
Insurance	38.54

TOTAL	\$ 5291.51
	\$5291.51
CASH ON HAND	44.39
Amt Due dist.	265.59

	309.98
Total Debt of District	\$406.25
Cash on hand & to be collected	309.98
Net Debt	96.27

David McCrory, Saml Dickson & Thos
Donaldson
AUDITORS
W. P. Taylor, Pres.
J. R. McMichael, Secy.

OAKDALE JUNE 6TH, 1887

Board convened by calling Mr. Walker to the Chair & J. R. McMichael temp. secy. On permanent organization Wm. C. McFarland was elected President & J. R. McMichael, Secretary.

By motion the consideration of removing HalfCrown School house was taken up & on the vote being called the motion carried. By motion the bid of Brown and Elliott of Burgettstown for removing No. 5 school room for the sum of \$340 three-hundred & forty dollars was accepted.

By motion Secy was added to the building committee.

By motion seven months to be the length of school term for ensuing year. All members voting in aff.

By motion a levy 2 1/2 mills for school purposes and 4 mills for building purposes. All members voting in aff.

By motion the board meet on Aug. 6th at 1 P.M. at Oakdale for the purpose of electing teachers.

On motion salaries of teachers be graded 1st & 2nd term \$33, - 3 term \$35 - after 3 term \$37.

Total Amt of Duplicate for year 1887-1888 \$4090.86 as 1887 - Approximating expenses same

Teachers salaries	3171
removing building	350
damages for lot	250
Fuel & contingencies	404
Treas fees	135
Sec. & Auditor	45

Roll of Members for 1887: W. C. McFarland, President, Dr. W. P. Taylor, Gabriel Walker, Jas. K. Beaumont, Robt. Thom, J. R. McMichael.

W. C. McFarland, Pres.
J. R. McMichael, Secy.

OAKDALE AUGUST 6, 1887

Board of School Directors met. All members present with President Wm. C. McFarland in chair. Minutes of June 6 read and by motion approved. Committee on removing HalfCrown reported that the lot on Partridge farm & that the jury of viewers consisting of Wm Aitken, Cornelius Scully and Ed Patterson had met and awarded damages to the amount of \$250.00 - two hundred and fifty dollars - \$150 for the lot & \$100 for the spring. Also that Elliott and Brown were at work removing building. By motion report was rec'd & committee continued.

By motion Board proceed to election of teachers which resulted as follows:

No. 1 - no opposition - Jno. Simms - experienced - two years	\$33
No. 2 - no opposition - Jas. Donaldson-- No experience	33
No. 2 - no opposition - Miss Jennie McDowell - 3 years	37
No. 3 - no opposition - A. C. Gilchrist - 3 year experience	37
No. 3 - no opposition Bell S. Robb- 3 year experience	37
No. 4 Opposition 5 ballots - Miss Willa Cook - 3 years experience	37
No. 5 opposition - Miss Maggie Hutchinson	33
No. 6 No opposition - Miss Bessie Atkinson - no experience.	33
No. 7. No opposition - Miss Matte J. Barker - experience - years	37
No. 7 - no opposition - Anna Portman 3 years experience	37
No. 8 - no opposition - Mary McDonald -	35
No. 9 - no opposition - Iona E. Atkinson - 3 yrs experience.	37
- no opposition - Tillie Graf - 1 yr. experience	33

Local committees appointed for Dist. No. 1 - McMichael, Beaumont. No. 2 - Beaumont; No. 3. Taylor ; No. 4 Taylor and Walker; No. 5 Walker and Thom; No. 6 - McFarland; No. 7 McMichael; No. 8 Walker; No. 9 - McFarland and Thom. No. 2 - Thom. By motion No. 5 be left vacant until time has elapsed for Miss Hutchinson to receive her certificate & if she fails again Mr. Thom be allowed to fill the school. By motion carried schools open on first Monday of Sept. On motion the new room be limed (or "lined") instead of plaster. On motion same textbooks be used for next term as last with exceptions of Burt's Grammar, which if suitable arrangements can be made will be substituted by Reed and Kellogs Grades and higher lessons in English. On motion the North Star and BeechCliff schools be painted the old buildings to receive two coats of white lead and the new one (coat). By motion Thom and McMichael receive bids and award the contracts.

On motion the cleaning of the different rooms be left to the different local committees.

On motion Secy. procure blackboard erasers & five kindlers.

On motion Board meet at No. 8 last Friday of Sept. On motion adjourned.

W. C. McFarland, Pres./
J. R. McMichael, Secy.

On motion warrants were granted to Saml. Newton - \$9.25
Elliott and Brown - 40.00
J. R. McMichael - 26.50

NO. 8 SCHOOL ROOM OCT. 1ST, 1887

Board of School Directors met. All members present. W. C. McFarland in chair. Minutes of Aug. 6th read and approved. Reports from local committees rec'd. Mr. Thom reported reasons why Miss Graff who was elected to North Star school - which were that Hamilton Co Supt refused to give a certificate. Mr. Thom reported that he had secured a teacher - Miss . by motion carried Mr. Thom's action was ratified.

Building committee reported the removal of building & fence removed & all completed. All bills of contractor paid. Committee on painting No. 7 & North Star reported. McMichael reported that the painting of No. 7 has been done in a very unsatisfactory manner. Mr. Thom reported that North Star was a little better but not done in a workman like manner & not at all up to the proposal. On motion the report be rec'd which after considerable discussion all agreeing that the work should not be paid.

On recommendation of the chair the com. & contractor McCrory hold a conference and try & agree on a basis of settlement after the conference. The committee reduced the bill \$14. The contractor agreeing. The report was amended to pay McCrory \$105, instead of \$119 which was passed & a warrant ordered for amt.

By motion warrants were granted to:

Mrs. Potter - cleaning No. 2	\$3.00
G. Walker - sundries	13.67
J. R. McMichael - cleaning No. 7	3.50
Geo. McCrory - painting	105.00
Nicholls - carpenter	190.65
A. C. Johnston - Atty fees & costs	26.25
Robt. Thom	37.50
Teachers salary	465.00

NO. 8 SCHOOL ROOM NO. 5 1887

Board of School directors met. Present McFarland, Walker, Thom, Beaumont & McMichael. Pres. W. C. McFarland in chair. Minutes of meeting Oct. 1st 1887 read and approved.

Visiting committees reports favorable. Sec. reported purchase of and distribution of erasers and that fire kindlers very hard to find. By motion secy. was ordered to inquire into the cause of the deficiency in State Appro. & have the same rectified.

By motion Sec. procure Dic. & Cyclopedia for No. 5.

By motion warrants were ordered to all teachers including time at Co. Institute amounting to \$576.25.

Jos. Partridge's executor	\$250.00
Erasers & setting grate - Gibson & Grace	13.00
Fuel & repairs No. 7 - McMichael	19.00
fuel No. 2 - Wallace	15.00
TOTAL	990.25

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 8 DEC. 3, 1887

Board of school directors meet with Pres. W. C. McFarland in chair. All members present. Minutes of Nov. 5 read and by motion approved.

Visiting committees reported from No. 1 to North Star all working well & teachers in earnest in their work. Mr. Thom reported that Miss Rankin seemed deficient in scholarship & organization. No. 6, 8 & 9 lower room No. 7 all doing very well. That Miss Barker was deficient in many qualities which go to make the successful teacher.

On motion Mr. Walker & Dr. Taylor were authorized to procure stoves for Nos. 3 & 8.

Secy reported that he has consulted with Co(nty) Com, on the deficiency in the State App'n. A further report from treas. Adams made the deficiency amount to \$95 for which the Com granted a certificate of error which he forwarded to department of Public Instruction.

All the teachers amounting to	\$461.00
E.W. Pierce	3.45

By motion adjourned to meet on Sat. the 14th day of Jan. 1888.

W. C. McFarland, Pres.

Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

SCHOOL ROOM NO. 8 JAN. 14, 1888

Board of School directors met. All were present except Taylor. Pres. McFarland in chair. Minutes of Dec. 3 read and approved.

Local committees reported schools were satisfactory except North Star & No. 7

On motion report of committee on procuring stoves for No. 3 & 8 rooms was accepted.

On motion Secy. was appointed a committee to inquire into the chances of collecting tax on property of C. H. Love.

A resolution was passed requiring election Boards to keep the room clean or clean it after holding elections. The school Board refusing to pay for cleaning & requiring the Judges to pay to the Treas. the rent of room.

By motion Warrants were ordered to all teachers amounting to \$461.00

Jno Wade	39.00
R. E. Conway	6.00
L. S. McAulis	5.00
D. Stewart	17.00
McClelland	9.20
Beaumont	18.00
McKinney	7.50
Thompson	1.35

W. C. McFarland, Pres.
McMichael, Sec.

NO. 8 SCHOOL ROOM MARCH 8, 1888

Board of School Directors met. Present: McFarland, Thom, Walker, & McMichael. President, W. C. McFarland in chair. Minutes of Jan. 8, 1888 read and approved.

By motion the action of President & Secy in issuing warrants to teachers for month of Feb. thereby saving a meeting was ratified.

Reports from visiting committees was very favorable except from No. 3, No. Star & both rooms of No. 7.

Warrants were ordered issued to all teachers & for one month's salary and for contingencies:

Geo. Marshall - coal	\$12.00
W. H. Wilson - coal	11.82
Geo. Logan - coal	12.00

OAKDALE APRIL 7, 1888

Board of School directors met. Present: McFarland, Thom. Taylor, Walker, & McMichael. President McFarland in chair. Minutes of March 3 not being on hand was not read.

Committees reported most of them as having completed. On examination it was found that some of the teachers had taught on the 2nd day of Jany. which is considered a legal holiday. After considerable discussion it was decided that any who had taught on that day should either forfeit the amount of one day's teaching or reopen school for one day. In the case of Miss Hutchinson on acct. of putting in extra hours it was agreed by motion to allow her holiday time as extra compensation for extra labor.

Dr. W. P. Taylor reported the action of the teacher & a part of the pupils in upper room in No. 3 during the closing exercises of the lower rooms as being ungentlemanly and almost riotous. By motion a resolution was formulated condemning such action a copy of which was hand(ed) Mr. Gilchrist teacher. The matter of placing a new slate blackboards in the schools was brought up. The Secy. reported samples & price list from one or two firms. No action taken but Sec. instructed to further correspond.

By motion warrants were ordered to all teachers for 7 month's teaching and for contingencies:

No. 1 - fuel	\$4.50
No. 7 - fuel	2.40
North Star - fuel	13.75
No. 4 & 8 - fuel	2.95

By motion adjourned to meet Oakdale June 4, 1888 at 10 o'clock

W. C. McFarland, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy. Apr. 7, 1888

OAKDALE SCHOOL ROOM NO. 2 JUNE 4 1888

Board of school Directors met with Pres. Wm. C. McFarland in chair. All members present except Beaumont. Minutes of April 7 '88 read and approved.

Secy made report of attendance. Total No. of pupils in schools 599. Av. daily attendance 390. % of attendance 82. Males 280. Females 319.

Collector W. A. Thompson reported list of exhonorations amounting to \$231.25 which after each individual name had been heard after due discussion was by motion accepted.

Mr. Henry Adams asked for authority to sell property on tax warrant when by motion he was instructed to sell.

The secy made report of the condition of the school fund which was as follows: (written later).

Business for school year ending June 4, 1888 being settled and accts audited by motion adjourned. Sine die.

Wm. C. McFarland, Pres.
Jno. R. McMichael, Secy.

ANNUAL REPORT RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH FAYETTE TP.

Tax rate 2 1/2 mills school purposes. 14 mill building

Amt of tax levied for school purposes		\$3681.37
Amt of tax levied for building purposes		409.04
	TOTAL	4090.41
Bal on hand from last year 1887		309.98
Recd from State Appropriation		513.90
Recd. from collector tax of all kinds		4145.09
Rec. from loans		1000.00
Recd. from Election rents, etc.		27.50
	TOTAL	\$5996.47

Purchasing grounds	250.00
Building and furnishing houses	535.15
Teachers salaries	3336.95
Fuel & contingencies	466.23
Salary of Secy.	40.00
Printing & Auditor fees	12.25
Debt and interest paid	413.15
Insurance	21.25
Rebate 5% off tax	127.40
Exhonorations	231.25
	TOTAL
	\$5585.98
Debt of District -	\$1000.00
	\$ 410.49

Amt due District from uncollected tax	589.51	
	410.49	
	BALANCE	\$5996.47
Liabilities in excess of resources		410.49

OAKDALE JUNE 4, 1888

Board of School directors met for organization & transaction of other business. On motion Dr. W. P. Taylor was elected Temporary Chairman & J. R. McMichael temp. Secy. Credentials of W. C. McFarland & R. M. B. Morrow was presented and they were read as members of Board. The roll of members for school year of 1888-89 is Dr. Taylor, Robt Thom, Gabriel Walker, W. C. McFarland, R. M. B. Morrow & J. R. McMichael.

By motion carried the temporary officers were elected permanent.

The total valuation of district amounting to \$1445.15. After considerable discussion & figuring it was found that a levy of 3 mills would be necessary. When by motion of Mr. Morrow a levy of 3 mills be made was carried all members voting in affirmative.

By motion the term be for seven months. All members voting in affirmative.

By motion the sub-districts with two school rooms be allowed \$70, seventy dollars per month and that the teacher in the upper or grammar room shall be Principal with supervision over the pupils of both rooms -- also of the teacher in the primary room. The Principal together with the committee of local directors shall fix the grades of both rooms & all other matters pertaining to the good of the schools.

The matter of placing slate blk boards in all the schools was called up when by motion of W. C. McFarland it be deferred for another year which was lost by being a tie vote.

On motion McMichael the slate be purchased this year which carried by all except McFarland voting in aff. On motion Secy. was requested to use discretionary power in the purchase.

By motion the election of teachers will occur on 1st Sat. of Aug. at Oakdale at 1 P.M.

By motion adjourned.

ADDENDUM

Minutes of the North Fayette School Board dated June 1874 through June 4, 1888.

This old minute book was rescued from an assortment of goods ready to be burned at the old Dickson homestead. That home was located approximately on the site of the Hankey Farms Firehouse.

There is proof that school did exist in North Fayette Township before this date. J. Nelson Ewing, who lived on Pinkerton Run in the Cape Cod house adjacent to "Settler's Cabin" wrote in his diary on Jan 25, 1868 that he attended a School Board meeting and that there was "difficulty at #1". On Feb. 6, 1868 he visited #2 school. The same year he noted that "Mr. Turner preached at #10 school, Robinson Twp. and on June 5th that the School Board met at Noblestown. A "teacher's exam was given in Noblestown by A. J. Douthett, County Superintendent. On Sept 19th he noted "Esg. Stevenson's for School Board" and again, on Oct. 17th and Nov. 28th the Board met at Noblestown. On Nov. 28th they met at Oakdale. This diary can be read at the Heinz History Center Library.

Books were quite valuable in those early days and were passed on from one grade to another and from one family to another. A book copywritten in 1855 and written in the flyleaf "E. McBride's History - Schoolroom N. 8, N. Fayette Twp., December 1st 1856, is further proof that children were being educated here. The full title of that book is "Abridged History of the United State or Republic of America", New and enlarged edition by Emma Wilard. Published in New York by A. S. Barnes & Co. Cincinnati: H. W. Derby. 1855.

Another book used in North Fayette was McGuffey's Eclectic Third Reader, Publishers Winthrop B. Smith & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. It is dated 1853 and is inscribed with the names "Mary Dickson" and "Emaline Dickson". The reader of the minutes will note that Samuel Dickson was Secretary of the Board from 1874 through 1876. His handwriting, spelling, mechanics indicate that he was well-educated. We also know that the Dickson family had moved to this area shortly after the Rev. War since Samuel Dickson I is buried in Union Church Cemetery. He fought in the Rev. War in Westmoreland County. His farm was located in the Hankey Farms area.

The Public School Act of Pennsylvania was enacted in 1834. Pennsylvania was slow to adopt the act because it met with some controversy in the State. It was not until about 1837 until the schools really took hold.

This Public School Act