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School Officers.

1911-1912

COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Thomas H. Galvin	1912
John C. Tillinghast	1912
Emerson A. Gould	1913
William L. Sharpe	1913
Samuel M. Knowles	1914
Arthur A. Earnshaw	1914

CHAIRMAN

THOMAS H. GALVIN

CLERK

SAMUEL M. KNOWLES

SUPERINTENDENT

HEBERT K. DENNIS

TRUANT OFFICER

LEANDER M. BABCOCK

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 8 o'clock P. M., at the Town Hall, the First Tuesday in each month.

Special meetings are called at any time by the Chairman, or upon the request of two members filed with the Clerk of the Board.

CALENDAR.

1911-1912

FALL TERM.

September 11th to December 22d, 1911.

WINTER TERM.

January 2d to April 26th, 1912.

SPRING TERM.

April 29th to June 14th, 1912.

VACATIONS

All legal holidays.

The day after Thanksgiving.

From December 22d, 1911 to January 2d, 1912.

From March 29th to April 8th, 1912.

PAY DAYS FOR TEACHERS.

Wednesdays following the First Tuesday in each month.



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Committee's Report.

To the Citizens of East Greenwich:

The organization of the Committee was effected at an adjourned meeting held July 15th, 1910, by the re-election of Thomas H. Galvin, Chairman, and Samuel M. Knowles, Clerk.

Hebert K. Dennis was elected Superintendent.

The salary of the Clerk was fixed at fifty dollars per year, that of the Superintendent at two hundred dollars per year.

The taxpayers in Town Meeting held August 10th, having voted to authorize the School Committee to purchase an additional site for school purposes, and having appropriated the sum of seven hundred dollars for that purpose, it was therefore voted at a special meeting of the School Committee, held August 25th, to purchase the property known as the Swedish Church on Spring street, adjoining the Spring street school property, for the sum of six hundred and ten dollars.

At a meeting held Dec. 6th, 1910, Leander M. Babcock was re-elected Truant Officer; salary was fixed at fifty dollars per year. Thomas H. Galvin was appointed to take the school census

Voted, to appropriate one hundred dollars in support of evening school at the East Greenwich Academy.

At the meeting held March 7th a communication was presented by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society making suggestions upon sanitary measures connected with

the schools, which was received and referred to a committee consisting of Thomas H. Galvin and William L. Sharpe, to confer with any committee appointed by said society upon the suggestions made, and report to this committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 1, 1910	$ 1,323.06
From State, for Day Schools	1,963.63
" " " High School	775.00
" " " Consolidated Schools	100.00
" Town for Day Schools and General School work	8,200.00
" Town for site and building	610.00
" Poll Taxes	272.00
" Dog Taxes	306.30
Income from School Funds	28.50
	$ 13,578.49

EXPENDITURES.

For site and building	$ 610.00
" Repairs	224.45
" Teachers' Wages, Day Schools	7,327.10
" Text Books and Pupils' Supplies	775.76
" Fuel	403.13
" Janitor's Salary	446.90
" Transportation	76.00
" Miscellaneous Expenses	48.62
" School Census	39.08
" Superintendent	200.00
" Clerk of School Committee	50.00

" Truant Officer	50.00
" Tuition in High School to East Greenwich Academy	2,142.00
" Tuition in Evening School to East Greenwich Academy	100.00
Balance on hand	1,085.45
	$ 13,578.49

	Name of Teacher Employed	Time of Term	Salary
Grade 9,	Edwin A. Noyes....9	1-2....	$950.00
" 8,	Sadie M. Wightman....8	9-20...	464.85
" 8,	Maria T. Galvin.....	5-10...	27.00
" 7,	S. Alice Boardman.....1	3-4....	98.50
" 7,	Josephine E. Howard....7	3-4....	368.75
" 6,	Josephine E. Howard....1	3-4....	78.75
" 6,	Gladys M. Dawley.....7	14-20..	346.50
" 6,	Maria T. Galvin.....	1-20...	2.25
" 5,	Carrie L. Collins.....9	1-2....	427.50
" 4,	Grace E. Shippee.....9	1-2....	427.50
" 3,	Inez A. Daniels.....9	9-20...	425.25
" 3,	Maria T. Galvin.....	1-20...	2.25
" 2,	Louise M. Browne.....9	1-20...	407.50
" 2,	Esther C. Shippee.....	3-40...	3.38
" 2,	Maria T. Galvin.....	5-40...	5.62
" 2,	E. Alice Tefft.....9	1-2....	418.75
" 1,	Phebe A. Nye.....9	1-2....	418.75
" 1,	Geneva M. Briggs.....9	1-2....	418.75
Ungraded	Dora M. Frye.....1	3-4....	70.00
"	George I. Kenyon.....7	3-4....	346.50
"	Mary E. Lowe.....8	1-2....	373.75
"	Emma S. Andrews.....	3-4....	33.75
"	M. Belle Sheldon.....9	1-2....	418.75
Music,	Mabel Palmer		190.00
Drawing,	E. Gertrude Arnold		190.00

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the Financial Town meeting held August 10th, 1898, it was voted, that the sum of two hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated from the General Treasury of the Town for the ensuing year, for the purpose of enabling the town to avail itself of the aid offered by the State in Sec. 3, Chapter 544 of the Public Laws by sending its pupils to the East Greenwich Academy.

Since that date there have been yearly appropriations made for that purpose.

The amount paid for tuition for the year ending April 30th, 1911, was $2,142.00.

For Text Books, $219.62.

PUPILS REGISTERED IN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR 1910-1911.

Whole number of boys registered	23
" " " girls "	25
Average number belonging	41
Average daily attendance	39
Percentage of attendance	96

At a meeting of the School Committee held Sept. 5, 1905, it was voted that town pupils who show an average rank of less than 70 per cent. in daily recitations in two studies in any one term cannot register for the following term without permission in writing of the School Committee.

Town pupils who show an average rank of less than 70 per cent. in daily recitations in any one study during two terms cannot register for the following term without passing an examination in that study with a rank of 80 per cent.

Town pupils whose attendance at the Academy shows an average of less than 79 per cent. of the school days or less than 80 per cent. in attendance during study hours in any one term cannot register for another term without the written consent of the School Committee.

All town pupils must take at least three high school studies.

REGISTER OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS FOR THE YEAR 1910-1911.

Algren, Anna E.
Babcock, Richard E.
Bailey, Hortense
Bailey, Ralph E.
Benjamin, Alfred G.
Bennett, Leroy A.
Booth, Doris I.
Booth, Raymond I.
Briggs, Ira F.
Briggs, Mary I.
Briggs, Walter D.
Burton, Viola O.
Crowell, Howard F.
Dawley, Alice A.
Dowe, Tristam M.
Dugdale, Carrie G.
Galvin, Agnes
Galvin, Elizabeth M.
Gardner, Ella L.
Gould, Julia S.
Graham, Helen W.
Hoxie, Christie E.
Hunt, Elizabeth H.
Kettelle, Edward G.
Kettelle, Harold
May, Elmer
McClure, Dora
Miner, Harold C.
Murray, Mary T.
Norton, James E.
Norton, Ray A.
Perry, Hattie L.
Person, John H.
Pisani, Jennie
Pisani, Lucy H.
Rochford, Howard F.
Sargent, Marjory H.
Spencer, Leander B.
Spencer, Mary E.
Swan, Howard C.
Tarbox, Edith M.
Tarbox, Clarence
Tarbox, Harold B.
Tennant, Helen
Tillinghast, Clara
Turner, Ruby
Vose Laura M.
Wells, Lester E.

The schools commenced in September with a total registration of 622 pupils as follows:

Grade 1,	104
" 2,	75
" 3,	49
" 4,	86
" 5,	51
" 6,	46
" 7,	43
" 8,	41
" 9,	30
Ungraded	50
High School	47

S. M. KNOWLES, Clerk.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee:

Gentlemen:—The Schools opened in September 1910 with an attendance of 622. Some difficulty was experienced in accomodating all the pupils in the village schools. The third grades were combined and located at Spring Street, and the mixed grade formerly existing at Marlboro Street was properly divided. The separation of the Ninth grade at First Avenue has been gratifying in its results. Particular emphasis has been placed upon attendance, and rigid regulations have been in force. A peculiarly developed evil was found in the practice of excusing a large number of pupils before the noon hour. While this is necessary in some cases, ordinarily it should be reduced to a minimum.

GRADUATES AND ACADEMY PUPILS.

Thirty two pupils were graduated from the Grammar School in June, 1911, and it is expected that many of them will enter the Academy for High School work. The average of work done by the Grammar School pupils at the Academy is fair, with a decided evidence of deficient work in language and spelling. The following students were graduated from the Academy, Julia Gould, Harold Miner.

The splendid conditions of progress and efficiency prevailing at the Academy are universally known and appreciated by the people of the town. The present

equipment of the Academy in respect to faculty and curriculum cannot be excelled by any secondary school in the country, a fact which should be a matter of especial gratification to the school interests of the town.

After a careful study of the needs of the schools, based on frequent visits, and an observation of the manner and scope of the work done, the retiring Superintendent desires to make the following recommendations. They are of vital importance to the welfare of the schools, and should be seriously and carefully considered by the citizens of the town.

(a) Competent supervision should be secured at once. The election of a citizen not informed as to school usage and problems to the office of Superintendent should not occur. So long as the Superintendent is detached from the school system his services cannot be efficient. We recommend the combination of the offices of Principal at the Grammar School, and Superintendent. One man could do the work that two now do, at a salary less than the total sum now expended. This Superintendent should be made responsible for the entire system, and we believe that the general usefulness of the schools would be greatly increased thereby.

(b) The entire course should be re-arranged and re-graded before the opening of the next session. The course of study now in effect is old, and defective. We believe that the old nine year system should be replaced by the eight year course. Most up to date school systems are operating under the latter. The theory is that the Ninth grade affords an opportunity for review and firm grounding, but the experience of many practical teachers seems to challenge definitely the usefulness of the plan. Particular emphasis needs to be placed upon the

language and grammar work, which is found to be of a very low average generally in the East Greenwich schools

(c) We urge the immediate enforcement of the sanitary and hygienic regulations suggested in the thorough and scientific report made by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, after their visit of our schools. Much has already been done by the Committee, and we believe that this policy should be understood and demanded by the taxpayers. Unless proper sanitary conditions obtain in the school rooms where children from all conditions of life are in close contact, the school life becomes a menace to the health of the child. The taxpayers should understand the purpose of necessary equipment, and regard the additional expenditure as a wise preventative measure. We believe personally, that the disposition of the urinals in the Marlboro Street building is highly unsanitary, and that steps should be taken to correct the defect at once. Proper ventilation, proper lighting and absolute cleanliness in the school rooms are indispensable to the health and welfare of the pupils. We especially commend the medical inspection of the children and urge its importance upon the parents of the community. The contents of the report are based on accurate and scientific knowledge and observation, and the effort of the Society and the Committee to remedy present conditions should receive the most hearty support of the community.

(d) We desire to endorse very cordially the suggestion made by ex-Superintendent Gleason in his concluding report, that the school rooms become more and more social centers for the use of the people, and the general improvement of the community. As pointed out by

Mr. Gleason, a large amount of capital is invested in these public buildings, and their utilization by the citizens would be a practical and commendable innovation. There is an evident need of a greater interest in the schools on the part of the towns people. We refer here to an interest that is informed and accurate in its comment. The concentration of interest upon the town schools that would result from their use in a broad social way, might rapidly bring about the intelligent and purposeful concern in the status of the schools, that is absent to a marked degree at the present time. We urge parents and citizens to visit the schools and to know just what is being done.

The retiring Superintendent will very gladly assist the Committee or the new official in any possible way. We are earnestly concerned that the tremendous sacredness of the education of the child may be deeply impressed upon the people, and the responsibility properly discharged. The problem is not one of dollars and cents, but of life and character and citizenship, for in the school we are training men and women.

Very Cordially,

HEBERT KNIGHT DENNIS.

Report of Supervisor of Music

To the School Committee:

The work in music has progressed steadily during the past year.

At the close of the school, a general improvement in sight reading, song singing and theory was noted. Much attention to individual singing has been given by the teachers of the lower grades.

All pupils who were considered deficient in music were examined by the supervisor to see if any special help could be given them by the grade teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL PALMER.

Drawing.

To the Scoool Committee:

We began our work in the fall by the study of colors; in the lower grades teaching the six standard colors by objects and flowers, and in the grammar grades by the study of flowers in outline and color and of the color scale; but keeping in mind the fact that Christmas was coming always worked with that end in view, for at this time we do some of the best work of the year.

As each holiday comes we make appropriate drawings and in this way impress it on the children's minds; as at Thanksgiving when two posters were made for the Harvard and Yale foot-ball game. These deserve special mention both for the originality of design and for the well drawn lettering.

The winter work included still life drawing, elementary design and cutting of objects and stories, in which the children did especially well and in the grammar grades very good work was done in the perspective and design.

In the Spring things appropriate to the season were used, action figures in Spring games, drawing of landscapes and flowers, and composition work, and the exhibition in June certainly showed an improvement over last year. Special mention should be made of the work in manual training in the lower grades and of the sewing and brass work of the seventh grade. In all of this work we have tried to teach the children a love for the beautiful in nature, in every day objects, to train their eyes and to make them appreciate the work of others.

In closing, I wish to thank most heartily the teachers who by their help and patience have done so much to make the work of this year a success.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY GERTRUDE ARNOLD.

Free Public Library.

To the School Committee:

During the past year 441 volumes have been added to the library, which now numbers 8,943 volumes, the range of subjects embracing science, travel, biography, history, poetry, literature, fiction and miscellany.

The number of volumes circulated during the year is 25,241; the number of patrons being 1,144.

The following magazines are regularly received: Harper's, McClure, Atlantic, Scribner, Century, Cosmopolitan, Munsey, Outlook, Current Literature, Literary Digest, North American Review, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, The Musician, The Studio, The Rudder, Country life in America, Saturday Evening Post, Youth's Companion, St. Nicholas, Holiday Magazine, Ladies' Home Journal, Colliers, Children's Magazine, Bird Lore, Literary Journal and Book Notes. The Providence Journal and Rhode Island Pendulum are taken. The Brown Alumni Monthly is sent regularly from the college.

The library is opened each day in the week, except Sunday, from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted,

EMMA J. KNIGHT, Librarian.

Truant Officer's Report.

Number of cases of non-attendance acted upon.....47
" " parents notified to send children to school.26
" " truants reported.....19
" " children prosecuted as truants..... 0
" " children prosecuted as habitual offenders. 0
" " children committed to reform schools.... 0
" " children continued on probation..... 5
" " complaints discontinued..... 3
" " children under 16 years of age employed with regular certificates.....28

LEANDER M. BABCOCK,
Truant Officer

School Census.

Number of boys attending public schools.....	322
" " girls " " "	275
Total.....	597
Number of boys attending parochial schools.....	0
" " girls " " "	0
Total.....	0
Number of boys attending other private schools...	6
" " girls " " " " ...	5
Total.....	11
Number of boys not attending any school.....	95
" " girls " " " "	78
Total.....	173
Whole number of boys enumerated.....	423
" " " girls "	358
Total number enumerated.....	781