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At a meeting of the School Trustees of Prince William County held in Brentsville on Tuesday the 2d day of April 1872.

Present

William W. Thornton President ex officio B. P. Dulin, John S. Powell, T. J. Simpson John R. Shirley, John H. Butler, Charles G. Harrison, A. F. Dunn, George C. Round and John S. Sinclair.

On motion of George C. Round the Country Board was organized by the election of John S. Powell as Vice President, and John S. Sinclair as Secretary.

Ordered that the Clerk purchase without delay such books as the law requires for the preservation of the records thereof.

Ordered that the County Superintendent of Public Schools, be requested to inquire into the condition of the Jones' legacy, and if necessary to employ counsel to aid in the collection of the same.

Ordered that the President be requested to appoint the following committees viz one to settle with Allen Harrison former School Commissioner, one to settle with the County Treasurer, one to propose By Laws for the government of this board, and one to fix the time of opening the schools of this County and the length of time per day they should be taught.

Ordered that John S. Powell and John R. Shirley be appointed to settle with the County Treasurer.

Ordered that George C. Round and Charles G. Harrison be appointed to propose By Laws for the regulation of this board.

Ordered that George C. Round and A. F. Dunn be appointed to propose regulations for the Public Schools of the County.

Ordered that W. W. Thornton, Geo. C. Round, John S. Powell, John R. Shirley, A. F. Dunn, B. P. Dulin, and A. H. Feuchael be appointed to propose an address to the people of this county, explaining the Free School Systems, and the manner in which this tax imposed is to be expended.

Ordered that William W. Thornton, Robt C. Weir, W. C. Merchant and C. S. Hynson be appointed a committee to examine the account of G. C. Round as School Trustee.

Ordered that the meeting adjourn until Thursday after the 1st Monday in June next.

[signed] W. W. Thornton

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William W. Thornton President

On motion of John S. Powell of Occoquan School District, the Board of Supervisors is requested to levy a tax of three fourths of a mill on the dollars worth of Real and Personal property in said district, for the purpose of raising a district school fund.

On motion C. G. Harrison of Coles School District, the Board is requested to levy the same amount for the same purpose in Coles District.

On motion of J F. Wheel of Dumfries School District, the Board is requested to levy the same amount, for the same purpose in Dumfries District.

One motion of John R. Shirley of Gainesville School District the Board is requested to levy the same amount for the same purpose in Gainesville District.

On motion of George C. Round of Manassas School District, the Board is requested to levy the same amount for the same purpose in Manassas District.

On motion of John L. Sinclair of Brentsville School District the Board is requested to levy a half mill on the dollars worth of Real and Personal property in the said District of for the purpose of raising a district school fund.

Ordered that the Board be requested to levy a tax of three fourths of a mill on the dollars worth of Real and Personal property in the county for the purpose of raising a county school fund, and that they be requested to appropriate the capitation tax, and levy a tax of one dollar on each dog in the county for school purposes.

Ordered that the account of William W. Thornton acting County Superintendent amounting to [blank] be paid by the County Treasurer on presentation thereof out of the county fund.

Ordered that the meeting adjourn until Tuesday after the 1st Monday in June next.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton

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At a meeting of the County Board of School Trustees of Prince William County held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1872

Present

William M. Thornton Pres.

B. P. Dulin, C. G. Harrison, A. F. Dunn, George C. Round, John H. Butler, John R. Shirley, A. H. Feuchael and John L. Sinclair

Ordered that the report of the Committee on By Laws be adopted for the government of the board.

Ordered that the report of the Committee to settle with Allen Harrison former School Commissioner of this County be adopted and filed.

Ordered that Allen Harrison pay over to W. W. Thornton president of this Board two hundred and sixty dollars in State funds and sixty dollars and ninety eight cents in current funds in liquidation of the debt due by him as a former School Commissioner, and that he turn over to said Thornton the five certificates of State Stock, now in his hands in favor of the School Commissioners of Prince William County amounting to fourteen hundred dollars.

Ordered that the proposition of Genl. Eppa Hunton to collect the amount due upon the Jones legacy for a commission of ten per cent be concurred in by the board, and that W. W. Thornton, president of the board be authorized to enter into such an agreement with said Hunton.

Ordered that the president of the board obtain from the clerk of the county court a copy of Jones' Will, and forward the same to Eppa Hunton, and draw his warrant on the County Treasurer for the expense thereof.

Ordered that Six hours be the time that each teacher of Public free Schools be required to teach a day.

Ordered that the account of John L. Sinclair amounting to Twelve dollars and Eighty cents be allowed, and paid by draft on the County Treasure.

Ordered that a warrant be drawn from the County Treasurer for One dollar and twenty five cents in favor of W. W. Thornton, to refund to him the amount paid out for a book to keep the records of this board

Ordered that a Teachers institute be held at Manassas on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April next.

Ordered that the Board recommend that the Schools of this County be opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in September next.

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Ordered that the district School board be authorized to use the funds arising from the Dog Tax, either for building purposes, or the payment of teachers as they may deem best.

Ordered that G. C. Round, John R. Shirley and W. W. Thornton be appointed a committee to make preparations for the Teachers institute to be held at Manassas on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August next, and it is ordered that a moderate expense be defrayed by the Board.

Ordered that the meeting adjourn until the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in September next.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton chairman

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At a meeting of the County Board of School Trustees held in Brentsville on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1872

Present

W. W. Thornton Prest.

A. F. Dunn of Coles School District

J. R. Shirley of Gainesville School District

G. C. Round of Manassas School District

B. P. Dulin & J. L. Sinclair of Brentsville School District

W. W. Thornton reported that A. Howison, in compliance with an order of the board made at its last meeting, had paid over to him, two hundred and sixty dollars in State funds, Sixty dollars and ninety-eight cents in current funds, in liquidation of the debt due by him as former School Commissioner, and that said Harrison had turned over to him the state stock in his possession amounting to Fourteen hundred dollars.

Ordered that W. W. Thornton pay over to W. W. Kincheloe Treasurer of Prince William County the Sixty dollars and ninety-eight cents paid to him by A. Howison former School Commissioner, and that said Thornton be and is hereby authorized to finish the State Stocks turned over to him by said Howison, and if in doing so it should become necessary for him to go to Richmond that his expenses paid by draft upon the County Treasurer.

Ordered that the board concur in the opinion of the County Superintendent, that his endorsement upon the certificate of any teacher, "Good for twelve months" will satisfy the holder of a certificate so endorsed to teach in the county for twelve months from the date of such endorsement.

Ordered that G. C. Round be requested to draw up a form or forms for this [?] necessary to be used in the different School Districts of this County

Ordered that W. W. Thornton and John L. Sinclair be appointed a committee to examine the books of the Clerks of the District Boards.

G. C. Round reported forms which can adopted, and it is ordered that the district Boards purchase as many thereof as is necessary for their use.

Ordered that J. L. Sinclair & W. W. Thornton be added to the Committee to Settle with the Treasurer.

Ordered that the Clerk be paid five dollars for his services, as the law provides.

Ordered that this adjourn until Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1872.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton

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At a meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Prince William County held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1872

Wm. W. Thornton      President of Board

On motion of Major Thornton it is moved that Edwin Nelson be declared the Clerk of this Board, in the room of John L. Sinclair who has resigned.

On motion Geo. C. Round that in the absence of the report from the several School Districts of this County that the Superintendent of Public Schools in this County be directed to ask at the hands of the supervisors the amts that he may be necessary to conduct the schools of the several districts.

Ordered that the County Superintendent be requested to bring to the attention of the Board of Supervisors the fact that the assessors of the several Townships in the County have neglected to perform their duty in listing the Dogs in this County.

Ordered that the meeting do now adjourn & to assemble subject to a call of the County Superintendent.

Wm. W. Thornton, President.

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At a meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Prince William County held in Brentsville on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1873. Wm. W. Thornton President of Board.

Present J H Butler, A Compton, Geo C Round, Chas G Harrison, A Kankey, & Milton Copin & John S Powell.

Ordered that the Board of Supervisors be requested to levy a tax of 7 ½ per cent on the \$100 worth of Real & personal property for Dumfries School District.

Same order as to Occoquan School district.

Same order as to Coles School district

Same order as to Manassas district.

Same order as to Gainesville district.

Resolved that the Board be requested to levy for Brentsville School district 5 cents on the \$100 worth of property both real and personal.

Ordered that E Nelson be and is hereby appointed in the Board in stead of John L Sinclair for the purpose of examining the books of the Clerks of the several School districts.

Resolved that Brentsville be selected as the proper place for holding a Teachers Institute and that the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1873 is the day selected by said Board of School Trustees for holding the same.

Ordered that the use of School houses other than for Educational purposes be referred to committee on rules and regulations to report at next meeting. And until then, the subject be left with local school boards with recommendations that the use of said Houses other than for Educational purposes be only granted upon the written guarantee of responsible persons for use of said Houses.

On motion of Geo. C Round, Resolved that the Representatives of United States Congress from Va be requested to assist the School Trustees of Manassas Township in obtaining a just compensation for the Material of the Bradley School House situated in said Township, and which was used by the Federal Army during the late war. Said building having been built by the general subscriptions of the people in the community and deeded for Educational purposes.

On motion it was resolved that Maj. Thornton proceed at once to Richmond for the purpose of presenting and urging upon the Legislature the passage of a special bill authorizing the payment of the interest from State bonds in behalf of this County.

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On motion it was resolved that our State Senators & Representatives be requested to use their efforts in furthering the passage of said resolution.

Resolved that G M Colvin is hereby recommended and designated to fill a Scholarship at the Agricultural & Mechanical Collage at Blacksburg.

Ordered that Messrs. Harrison & Butler be constituted a committee to receive applications of Candidates for a Scholarship to be filled from this County at the College of William & Mary. If there be but one application said Committee hereby authorized to confirm the same, but if more than one they will report to the County Superintendent & he will call a meeting of the board.

Ordered that the Clerk be paid four dollars in full for services to date.

Ordered that the Meeting adjourn.

Wm. W. Thornton President

Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Prince William County be requested to levy for County Free School purposes seven and half cents on the One Hundred dollars worth of property both real and personal in said County. (This order was omitted in making up the minutes at the above meeting)

Wm. W. Thornton President

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At a meeting of the County School Board held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1873.

It was resolved that James B. T. Thornton be recommended as a student at William & Mary College.

On motion it is ordered that Maj. Thornton Co Superintendent be authorized to receive applications and make a nomination to the Agricultural & Mechanical College at Blacksburg.

On motion the approval of this Board is given to the School Trustees of Manassas School District to borrow money to complete the School House near Manassas on the terms and conditions proposed.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the County School Board be held in the School House in Brentsville on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept. next.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept. next.

Wm. W. Thornton

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At a meeting of the County School Board held at the School House in Brentsville on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept. 1873.

William A. Bryant Esq. was requested to act as Clerk pro tem.

On motion of Geog. Reno Chas. G. Harrison was substituted on the committee for the regulation of the government of the public Schools of the County in the place of A. F. Dunn.

The resignation of Doct. Powell as vice President of the County School Board was accepted.

And on motion of Doct Powell, G C Reno was elected as his successor.

On motion C G Howison was substituted on the Committee to examine the accounts of the County Treasurer in the place of John R. Shirley Decd.

On motion of Wm. A Bryant the third Saturday in November next was fixed as the day for the next meeting of the County School Board to act upon the estimates for the ensuing year.

On motion of C. G. Howison the County Treasurer is allowed two per ct for processing Collecting and disbursing the school funds.

On motion of C G. Howison the meeting adjourned to meet again on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November next.

Wm. W. Thornton

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At a meeting of the County School Board held for the County of Prince William on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1873. W. W. Thornton C. Supt.

Geo. C. Round of Manassas Township, T. P. Hereferd of Gainesville Township, B P Dulin & T. Nelson of Brentsville Township & Wm A. Bryant of said Township.

The following resolution was offered by G. C. Round

Whereas in the District of Manassas a county tax of ten cents on the \$100 worth of property has been assessed & whereas the tax in the balance of the County is 7 ½ cts on the \$100.

Resolved that the County Treasurer and County Superintendent of Schools be requested to set off to the credit of Manassas District the surplus of the County tax received from Manassas District over 7 ½ cts on the \$100 to said district.

It was moved that the County Superintendent proceed to make a settlement with the respective school district appropriately & distribute to each school district the amt due them for pupils going from one township to another.

On motion resolved that the Board of Supervisors be requested to levy from each township in this County for District School purposes 10 cents on the \$100 worth of personal and real estate in this county.

Resolved that five dollars be allowed each assessed in this county for extending County school tax on personal & real estate for the year 1873. And that this meeting recommended to the District Boards the same amount for extending district school tax.

Resolved that County Superintendent be authorized to take steps to secure the benefit to the County & District school funds the delinquent taxes due for the year 1871.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board be paid \$6.00 for his services to date.

The by laws of the county school board was presented & ordered to lie over for future action.

Resolved that a committee of two be appointed to confer with the County Superintendent with a view to an increase of his pay and W. A. Bryant & B . P. Dulin be chosen for that purpose.

Ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Manassas Gazette.

Ordered that the meeting adjourned till the call of the president.

[signed] W. W. Thornton. Pres.  
[signed] E. Nelson Clerk

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville Monday the 2d Day of March 1874

Present W. W. Thornton Chairman J. W. Chapman, B. P. Dulin, M. Cornwell, Chas. M. Copin, T. P. Hunfun(?), J. P. Nelson(?) & John H. Butler.

Resolved by this Board that the average number of pupils at the school in Coles Township conducted at present by Miss Addaide Carter by reduced to the average of fifteen.

Same order in relation to Sulpher Springs No. 5 at present conducted by Miss Wakeman to fifteen as an average.

Resolved that the County Superintendent is hereby authorizing by the County School Board to reduce the average of the public schools of this county in all cares where he think is proper to do so upon the petition of the District Board.

Resolved that the Co. Supt. be instructed & empowered to make all and any settlements require between the different school district as to the pupils attending schools from different school districts in this County.

Whereas the Editor of the Manassas Gazette has devoted the columns of his paper to the furtherment of the public school interest of his county and has published gratuitously communications between the county Supt. of Schools and the Trustees--

Be it resolved that the thanks of the County School Board be tendered to the Editor of said paper for such services and the Board respectfully recommends that the Trustees and Teachers of the County take the same as the Medium of Communication between the County Supt. & Trustees & Teachers.

Whereas it appears Geo. C. Round Esq. the Delegate from this county has presented a bill in the Legislature, having for its object the election of the School Trustees by the people, and whereas such legislation would at the present time be in the opinion of this Board destructive to Public school interests, and this Board actuated by a regard of the welfare of this County and the cause of Education and uninfluenced by any formal consideration, protesting against such action as it conceives such to be their duty, is ready at any time to relinquished its power as soon as other suitable and more efficient officer may elected.

Be it therefore Resolved that Geo. C. Round Esq. in presenting the above bill and urging its passage is in direct opposition to the views of the School Trustees of this county. Be it Resolved that the thanks of this Board be tendered to our county superintendent for the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties as such and for the valuable aid and services he has from time to time rendered this Board and the Public school interest of this county.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton President

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At a meeting of the County School Board held at Brentsville on Monday the 3rd Day of August 1874.

Major W. W. Thornton Chairman

The County Superintendent was authorized to make the appointment of scholarship for Blacksburg College.

E. Nelson & Jno. H. Butler were appointed a committee to settle with county Treasure and report at the Annual Meeting of the county school board.

E. Nelson & Jno. H. Butler & Geo. C. Round were appointed a Committee to examine the books of the Clerks of the different School districts of the County.

The first Monday in September next was appointed for the annual meeting of the County School board.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] W. Wm. Thornton  
Chairman

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Annual meeting of Co. School board held Monday this 6th day of Sept. 1874. Present Maj. Thornton Chairman, C. G. Harrison, T. P. Hereford, J. H. Butler, G. C. Round, J. T. Janney, W. A. Bryant, M. Copin, M. Cornwell, & E. Nelson. On motion of Mr. Bryant C. G. Harrison was associated with E. Nelson to examine the books of Clerks of district boards in place of Mr. Bryant.

On motion the meeting a adjourned until tomorrow morning. 10 o'clock.

Wm. W. Thornton

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At an adjourned meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Tuesday the 8th Day of Sept. 1874. W. W. Thornton Co. Supt. Chairman Trustees Present Chas. G. Harrison, T. P. Hereford, Geo. C. Round & E. Nelson.

The committee appointed at the August meeting to settle with County Treasurer this day returned their report which was examined and ordered to be recorded.

The Committee selected to examine the books of the Clerks of the different Schools Districts this day returned their reports.

Ordered that a Teacher Institute be held at Manassas on the 4th Thursday in Oct. 1847 and Mr. Round & Hereford be appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements for said Institute.

Ordered that a committee of 2 be appointed to ascertain what amount will be required to run the schools of the County per month & report to the next board.

Resolved that: each Clerk of the several School Districts be requested to made a petition to the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting to be signed by the same voters of their district requesting them to increase the salary of the Co. Superintendent to \$400--.

Ordered that the Clerk of the this Board to be paid the sum of \$8.00 in full of his services to date.

Whereas the State Board of Education under a resolution of July 11, 1871 requires County Superintendents to hold in their respecting counts at [least] one Teachers Institute during each scholastic year, at which place all the teachers employed in the Public Schools shall be expected to attend and their failure to do so entirely destroys the efficiency of the Institute. Be it therefore resolved. That from and after this date no one be employed or if employer be retained as Teacher of any Public School in this County who fails or neglects to attend the Teacher Institute unless excused by the County Superintendent & District School Board of his or her district.

Resolved that the County Superintendent notify the clerks of the Defendant boards of school Trustees of the time & place of holding the Institute whose duty it shall be immediately to notify each teacher in his district of the time & place.

Resolved that the Co. Superintendent notify the Clerks of the District Boards of School Trustees of the non attendance of all teachers of the their districts, & that said clerks shall at once notify in writing the said absent teachers of his or her dismissal, & if teaching to close their schools at once & immediately forward a copy of said notice to the County Supt. who shall instruct the Co. Treasurer to pay no order drawn in favor of said teacher after date of said notice.

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[signed] Wm. W. Thornton Chairman

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At a meeting of the county school board held in Brentsville October 5th 1874

Major Thornton Co. Supt. Chairman

Present Jno. H. Butler, T. P. Hereford, Geo. C. Round, C. M. Copin C. G. Harrison  
and E. Nelson.

The Settlement of the Co. Supt. was laid before the board and ordered to be adopted.

The report of Major Thornton & E. Nelson to ascertain what will be required to run the  
Schools for one month was this day returned and amounts to \$913.00 per month.

On motion a committee of six consisting of the Clerks from each School Dist. be  
appointed to present to the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting a petition asking  
that the maximum amt. allowed by law (which is the ten cents Co. and ten cents District  
tax) be levied for School purposes in this County.

Resolved that the Clerk of the several School Dists be appointed a committee to present  
the petition to the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting to increase the pay of Co.  
Supt. to \$400.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] W. W. Thornton.  
Chairman.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville December 1st 1874.

Major W. W. Thornton Chairman

Present J. T Janney, John H. Butler, J. P. Hereferd, W. A. Bryant, Chas. G. Harrison, & Edwin Nelson

On motion of Joseph T. Janney the amount of ten cents on the \$100 worth of Property be levied for Dist. School purposes in Occoquan School District for the year 1875.

The same amount were asked for by the balance of the School Districts for Dist. School purposes for said year.

On motion of Chas. G. Harrison the pay of the County Superintendent be supplemented to \$400 and that W. A Bryant be appointed a Committee to present the said petition A Nicol Judge of the County Court for his approval.

Ordered that the Clerk of this board draw an ordered on Co. Treasurer for \$1.00 payable to Sheriff of Fauquier Co. for executing two writs vs. Gas King Jr..

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton Chairman

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held in Brentsville on the 1st Day of December 1875.

Present W. W. Thornton Chairman

- “ M Cornwell
- “ Thos. Hereford
- “ Chas. E. Round
- “ Jno. H. Butler and
- “ W. C. Bryant

On motion of G. C. Round Ten cents was asked for District School purposes and Fifteen Cents for County School purposes for Manassas School District

On Occoquan District Ten cents for Dist: and Ten cents for County School purposes be adopted.

On Motion Ten cents for District and Ten cents was adopted in Dumfries District.

On motion Ten cents for County and Ten cents in Gainesville Dist was adopted.

In Coles Dist: Ten Cents for District and Ten Cents for County School purposes was adopted.

On motion Five Cents for District and Ten cents for County School purposes was adopted.

On the motion of G. C. Round it is recommended that the salary of the County Superintendent remain the same it was the last year.

On motion it is ordered that one Trustee from each District be appointed to act in confirmation with the County Superintendent to represent the County School Board before the Board of Supervisors and County Judge to express to them the actions and wishes of the County School Board.

The following Trustees were appointed.

From	Dumfries	District:	J. Frank Wheat
“	Occoquan	“	Jos. T. Janney
“	Coles	“	Chas. G. Harrison
“	Brentsville	“	Edwin Nelson
“	Manassas	“	Jn. H. Butler
“	Gainesville	“	Tho. P. Hereford

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton.

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At a meeting of the School Trustees of Prince William County held in Brentsville on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1876

Wm. W. Thornton, Chairman

Present B P Dulin, Ch. G. Harrison, T. P. Hereford, Geo. C. Round, Wm. A. Bryant, Edwin Nelson & John G. Taylor.

The report of the Committee to settle with the County Treasurer was returned and ordered to be filed.

A Committee of two from each School District was appointed to examine the books of the several Clerks in the County and report to the meeting.

On motion a committee consisting of B. P. Dulin & Wm. A. Bryant was appointed to solicit the County Judge & ask his permission to use one of the Jury Rooms in the Court House as an office for the County Superintendent.

It was ordered that a Desk be purchased for the use of the County Supt & the foregoing Committee Viz B. P. Dulin & Wm. A. Bryant, were appointed to procure the said desk and in the event of them not being able to obtain one of the Jury Rooms for the use of the Co. Supt, that they procure a room to be used as an office for the County Supt.

Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed of whom the County Supt. shall be one to examine the Bartlett(?) track of land in Fauquier Co. and in the event of a sale of said track to take such steps as they may deem best to protect the interest of the Public Schools of this County in said land. W W Thornton, Chas. G. Harrison, W A Bryant were appointed a committee for same purpose.

Ordered that W A Bryant be paid the sum of \$7.00 for meeting with the County Treasurer for 3 days @ \$2.50 per day.

Ordered that E. Nelson be allowed the sum of \$2.50 for one day services in meeting with said Treasurer. And also the sum of \$8.00 for services to date as Clerk of this board.

On motion the County Supt. Is appointed to solicit our Representatives at Richmond to introduce a Bill in the legislation authorizing the surplus of the Dist fund be applied to the payment of Teachers.

Resolved that we endorse the Actions of the County Supt. In recommending Teachers for the various Districts.

The report of County Treasurer was this day presented to the Board examined and ordered to be filed.

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The Committee selected to examine the books of Dist. Clerks this day returned their report the same being satisfactory.

Ordered that the Board adjourn to meet Tuesday next.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held in Brentsville on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1877.

Present        W. W. Thornton, Chairman  
“                Geo. C. Round,  
“                John H. Butler,  
“                Joseph Janney,  
“                J. Frank Wheat,  
“                Jno. G. Taylor, and  
“                W. A. Bryant

On motion of Geo. C. Round, the estimates sent in by the district Boards were adopted.

On motion W. A. Bryant was elected Clerk of the County School Board.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton Chairman

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held in Brentsville on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1877.

Present, W. W. Thornton, Chairman

Robert Tyler  
Jas. M. Barbee,  
M. Cornwell,  
W. A. Bryant.

On Motion, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That, it is the opinion of this meeting that the passage of a County dog tax would operate unequally upon a portion of this County and exert an injurious influence upon the success of the public school system.

Ordered, That the Clerk forward a copy of the same to each of our Representatives in the Legislature, and furnish a copy of same to the Editor of the Manassas Gazette for publication.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton  
Chairman

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At a Meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville June 4<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Maj. W. W. Thornton, Chairman

Present Robert Merchant,  
Jas. M. Barbee,  
John G. Taylor,  
B. P. Dulin,  
Geo. C. Round,  
Monteville Cornwell,  
W. A. Bryant

The following petition from the Teacher's Executive Committee was presented by the Secretary Mr. J. B. T. Thornton for the consideration of this Board:

To the School Board of Prince William County. We, the undersigned, a Committee appointed for the purpose, respectfully request your honorable body to appropriate the sum of twenty dollars out of some of the public School funds of the County, for the purpose of paying for a gold medal and Certificates of Honor to be awarded to the best spellers in the County, said prizes to be awarded according to plans already described to you.

R. H. Stuart, Chairman

J. B. T. Thornton, Secretary

On Motion of Mr. Round, It was resolved that we deem it inexpedient to appropriate money out of the public School funds for the purpose proposed by the Committee of Teachers, but we will individually contribute toward it as we may be able, and we commend their effort to the assistance of the Citizens of the County.

Resolved that, in the opinion of this Board, the County Superintendent ought not to issue certificates to teachers unless the applicant can answer 75 per cent of all the questions asked, and 50 per cent of each study.

On Motion of Mr. Dulin, It was ordered that the County Superintendent, Geo. C. Round, and W. A. Bryant be appointed a committee to examine into the question in relation to text books, and report to the district Boards such action in reference thereto as they shall deem most advisable to be taken by said Boards.

Resolved, That the Sincere thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to the County Superintendent for the industry, zeal and energy he has manifested in the discharge of the important and responsible duties which have devolved upon him.

Resolved, That the Editor of the Manassas Gazette be requested to publish the proceeding of this Meeting.

On Motion, the Meeting adjourned to meet again at the Annual Meeting to be held in Brentsville on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August next.

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[signed] Wm. W. Thornton, Chairman

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1877.

Major W. W. Thornton, Chairman,

Present A. H. Feuchael,  
R. H. Tyler,  
Geo. C. Round,  
John G. Taylor,  
C. E. Nicol,  
M. Cornwall, Wm. A. Bryant

On motion of Mr. Round, Resolved, that the County School Board recommend that each District Board subscribe for a copy of the Educational Journal for the use of each school, to be preserved by the teacher for the benefit of future teachers, under such regulations as the District Board may adopt.

On Motion of Mr. Nicol, the final vote on the foregoing resolution of Mr. Round, was postponed until the next meeting of this Board.

On Motion of Mr. Nicol the following resolution was passed unanimously;

Resolved, that there be an annual public examination of all the teachers and those proposing to become teachers in Prince William County.

Resolved, that the said annual examination for the year 1878, shall be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1878.

Resolved that the said public examination be held at Manassas.

On Motion of Mr. Round, Resolved, that the County Superintendent appoint two trustees who together with the Co. Superintendent shall constitute a committee to settle with County Treasurer, and to examine the books of each District Board, and that said trustees be allowed the sum of two dollars per day out of the County School fund for the time necessarily employed in said duty.

W. A. Bryant and C. E. Nicol were appointed the committee in compliance with the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, 2<sup>nd</sup>. That the above committee report to an adjourned meeting of this Board, to meet August 15<sup>th</sup>.

On Motion of Mr. Round the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Pres.

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At an adjourned meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1877.

The report of the committee to settle with the County Treasurer, was returned and ordered to be filed.

The Committee selected to examine the books of District Clerks, this day returned their report, the same being satisfactory.

The Report of the County Treasurer was this day presented to the Board, examined and ordered to be filed.

Ordered that C. E. Nicol be paid the sum of \$6.00 for settling with the County Treasure, and examining the Books of the District Clerks, for 3 days @ \$2 per day.

Ordered that W. A. Bryant be paid the sum of \$6.00 for settling with the County Treasurer, and examining the books of the District Clerks, for 3 days @ \$2 per day.

Ordered that W. A. Bryant be paid the sum of \$10.00 for services as Clerk of this Board to date.

On Motion the Meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Pres.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on the 3rd day of September 1877.

Major W. W. Thornton, Chairman,  
Present           A. H. Feuchsell [Feuchael],  
                      John W. Chapman,  
                      James M. Barbee  
                      George C. Round.

The following resolution was passed.

Resolved, that the resolution passed by this Board on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1874, requiring teachers to attend the Teacher's Institutes, be, and the same is hereby rescinded in its application to the employment of teachers for the present year.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Pres.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Monday December  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1877

Major W. W. Thornton, Chairman,

Present John G. Taylor,  
Joseph Janney,  
James M. Barbee,  
A. H. Feuchael  
John W. Chapman,  
M. Cornwall,  
W. A. Bryant

On motion, ten cents was asked for District and ten cents for County School purposes in Dumfries District. Adopted.

In Occoquan District, ten cents for District and ten cents for County purposes was adopted.

In Coles District, ten cents for District and ten cents for County purposes was adopted.

In Brentsville District, ten cents for County purposes was adopted.

In Manassas District, ten cents for District, and ten cents for County purposes was adopted.

In Gainesville District, ten cents for County, and three and an half cents for District purposes was adopted.

On Motion it is ordered that the text books now in use in the public Schools of this County be continued in use for the present year.

Ordered, That Mr. Janney be added to the Committee heretofore appointed to examine into the question relating to text books.

Ordered, That McGill's History of Va. Be adopted as one of the text books in the public schools of the County.

Ordered, That the County Superintendent be requested to confer with the County Treasurer in reference to the safe keeping of the State Bonds amounting to \$1400. for the benefit of the Public Schools of this County, and in the event of his refusing to receipt for them, then the Co. Superintendent shall deposit them in some Bank for their safe-keeping.

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Ordered, That the question of closing any public School for want of a legal average, be left to the discretion of the County Superintendent.

Ordered, That this Board approves of the course pursued by the County Superintendent in refusing to license teachers who are habitually addicted to intemperance.

Ordered, That teachers to be entitled to their Monthly pay shall teach twenty days, unless by special permission of the District Board.

Ordered, That the Co. Superintendent be requested to inquire into the question of fines for offenses against the Commonwealth, and to take such steps as he may find necessary in the premises.

On Motion of Mr. Janney the following preamble and resolution was passed.

Whereas, It is highly important to the educational interests of our County that there should be uniformity in the regulations for the government and discipline of the public schools thereof.

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Co. Superintendent shall appoint, and during their deliberations shall preside over a Committee to consist of six members, besides himself, three of whom shall be members of the County School Board, and the remaining three of whom shall be teachers of this County. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare a System of Rules and Regulations for the government of the public schools of Pr. Wm. County and to submit said Rules to the Co. School Board at their next regular Meeting for their approval.

Be it further Resolved: That when a system of rules and regulations has been prepared by the above Committee, and approved by the Co. School Board, printed copies thereof shall be supplied to the Clerk of the School Boards of each District of this County. Who shall see that a copy be supplied to each school in his District, and posted upon the walls thereof for the inspection of teachers and pupils.

On Motion, it was Ordered, That the Co. Superintendent, C. E. Nicol and W. A. Bryant be appointed a Committee to prepare a resolution, directed to our Representatives in the Legislature, respectfully urging upon them the necessity for such legislation in relation to the misapplication of the school funds, as shall secure to the public schools the money collected under the express provision of the constitution for their special benefit, and that the Clerk of this board forward a Copy of the same to each of our Senators and Delegates; And that a copy thereof be sent by the Co. Superintendent to each Superintendent in the State, with a request that the same be laid before their respective County Boards, and it is further ordered, That the expense of printing and mailing said resolution to the County Superintendents be paid out of the Co. School fund.

Ordered, That the Editor of the Manassas Gazette be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

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On motion the meeting adjourned.  
[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Pres.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1878.

The following resolutions prepared by the Committee appointed at the last meeting January 7<sup>th</sup> 1878, were submitted to this meeting for its approval.

To the Honorable, Wm. H. F. Lee and Chas. E. Sinclair, Senators of the First Senatorial District of Virginia, and Edwin Nelson, Delegate from Prince William County:

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the County School Board of Prince William County to prepare resolutions addressed to our representatives in the legislature, urging upon them the necessity for such legislation in relation to the misapplication of the school funds, as shall secure to the public schools the money collected under the express provision of the Constitution for their special benefit, most respectfully submit the following:

1<sup>st</sup>. While the public school system exists as a prominent feature of the State Constitution, and its vigorous maintenance is contemplated by provisions therein contained, and laws passed in pursuance thereof that the people behold with disapprobation the diversion of the funds necessary to its efficiency into other channels, and are pervaded with a profound conviction and a just alarm that unless the prevailing tendency upon the part of the officials charged with the administration of the public school funds is checked by stringent legislation, that the destruction of the public schools is probable, if not certainly assured.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Inasmuch as it is represented in the annual official report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Virginia, that on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1877 “there must have been about \$550,000 due the school fund,” it is urged upon our representatives in the Legislature to invite the attention of that body, in such way as in their judgment may be most expedient to the propriety and pressing necessity of such legislation as shall restore to the support of the public schools the said \$550,000, to which purpose it was destined by the organic and Statutory law of the State, and from which it has been diverted without legal authority.

3<sup>rd</sup>. We would impress upon our representatives the propriety of providing such enactments by the Legislature as shall make it the duty of the County and City Treasurers to keep separate, as far as may be, the public school funds from other funds belonging to the State, and upon payment into the general treasury, to report the amount due to the public school fund.

4<sup>th</sup>. And that it be made the duty of the First Auditor to report at the expiration of each month of the year to the “Board of Education,” the entire amount received to the credit of the school fund, and then forthwith to turn over the same to the Second Auditor, who as custodian of this said fund, shall be held responsible for its diversion from the use of the

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public schools, as for malfeasance in office, and upon conviction thereof, shall be removed therefrom, and that the First Auditor shall likewise be held responsible for such diversion of said fund whilst under his control, and for such offence shall be subject to the same penalty.

5<sup>th</sup>. So deeply has the public school system taken root in the popular affection so necessary is it to the full development of the latent elements of manhood in the rising generation, so important is it as a stimulus to immigration, so unfavorable would be the comparison to Virginia were it abolished, with the most enlightened portions of the of the world, where highly efficient forms of public instruction prevail, and so imperative is it to her in order to sustain an honorable position among the various compacts of civilized society, that the people would behold with deep mortification the demonstration of any feeling on the part of the Legislature inimical to it, and that they look in anxious expectancy to that body to realize the spirit of the Constitution in its vigorous maintenance.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton,  
[signed] Wm. A. Bryant,  
[signed] C. E. Nicol,  
Committee.

Prince William County,  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1877.

On Motion, it was resolved:

1<sup>st</sup>. That the resolutions proposed by the said Committee, under date of December 21<sup>st</sup> 1877, and in pursuance of the order of this Board, meet with its full approbation.

2<sup>nd</sup>. That the course pursued by Dr. W. H. Ruffner, as Superintendent of Public Instruction, meets with our hearty and cordial approval, and we respectfully urge upon our representatives in the Legislature to use their influence in securing his re-election; and,

3<sup>rd</sup>. That these resolutions be appended to those prepared by the said committee under date of December 21<sup>st</sup> as aforesaid.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Pres.

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At a meeting of the County School Board of this County held in Brentsville, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1878.

Wm. W. Thornton President

Present Joseph T. Janney, James M. Barbee, John W. Chapman, Robert Tyler,  
B. P. Dulin, Wm. E. Lipscomb and Wm. A. Bryant.

It was ordered, That the County Superintendent be authorized to change the time heretofore adopted for the examination of teachers for the public schools, if he should find it advisable.

Resolved, That it is recommended, that each District Board make an appropriation of five dollars to the Editor of the Manassas Gazette, for the publication of School Matters.

Resolved, That it is recommended, that each District Board subscribe for one copy of the Educational Journal for every two schools, and they are requested to inform the County Superintendent of the number required for their respective Districts, who is authorized and requested to subscribe for all the copies needed.

Resolved, That this Board considers the provisions of an “Act To provide for the division of school districts, into sub-districts and for the appointment of school directors” passed at the last session of the Legislature unsuited to this County and decline to provide for its adoption.

At the instance of Mr. Janney, Major Thornton vacated the chair, and Mr. Dulin was requested to act as Chairman pro tem. When the question as to the expediency of dispensing with the Office of County Superintendent was discussed, and on Motion of Mr. Janney a committee consisting of Messrs. Dulin and Bryant was appointed to prepare a resolution in accordance with the views of the Board.

The Committee thereupon reported the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we decree the services of the County Superintendent of Schools indispensable for the success of the public school system, and instead of abolishing the Office, We recommend that his duties be increased so as to make him a bonded and disbursing officer of the School funds, and We respectfully request our Representatives to use their influence in the Legislature to secure the passage of a bill to this effect.

Resolved, That having known Mr. B. B. Thornton as a teacher in the public schools of this County we feel confident in testifying to his general qualifications &c and do most respectfully recommend him to the favorable consideration of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute as a suitable person to receive the appointment of State Cadet from this the first Senatorial District.

After the passage of these resolutions Major Thornton resumed the chair, when an motion the meeting adjourned.

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[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Pres.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1878.

Present            Wm. W. Thornton President  
                      Joseph T. Janney, Jas. M. Barbee, George C. Round, C. E. Nicol,  
                      B. P. Dulin, and W. A. Bryant.

The report of the Committee to settle with the County Treasurer was returned and ordered to be filed.

The Committee appointed to examine the Books of the District Clerks, this day made their report, the same being satisfactory.

On Motion of Mr. Round, It was ordered that a committee be appointed to examine into the delinquent County School and District taxes from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1868 to the first of January 1878.

The President appointed Messrs. Round and Bryant a committee under the foregoing order.

The following resolutions offered by Mr. Round were rejected.

Resolved, 1<sup>st</sup>. That in view of the letter from Dr. Ruffner to the County Superintendent which will involve the closing of some of our schools or incurring a heavy indebtedness this Board recommends that the District Boards consider the propriety of submitting a proposition to the voters at the November election to increase the District tax, said increase to be devoted exclusively to the payment of teachers.

Resolved, 2<sup>nd</sup>. That the County Superintendent be requested to publish the letter of Dr. Ruffner and state to the public the dilemma in which the school matters are placed through the columns of the Manassas Gazette for the information of the public.

Ordered, That the clerk be authorized to purchase a book in which to keep a record of the rules and by-laws of this Board.

Ordered, That Mr. Barbee be appointed in place of Mr. Harrison on the committee heretofore appointed to protect the interest of the public schools of this County in the Brilllett tract of land in Fauquier County.

On Motion of Mr. Round, Resolved, That the County Superintendent be requested to make copies of the State bonds belonging to the County School Board, and that said copies be preserved in the Office of the County Superintendent and that he deposit the bonds in the safe of the County Treasurer who is hereby requested to give them such care and custody as he is able to give.

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On Motion of Mr. Nicol, Resolved, That every trustee in the County be required to attend the Annual Meeting of the County School Board, and for failure to attend the same shall be reported by the County Superintendent of public Schools to the Electoral Board of School Trustees, with the recommendation that all trustees in such default be removed, but before action shall be taken by the said Electoral Board, the defaulting trustee or trustees, as the case may be, shall be notified of the time and place at which his case will be considered.

2<sup>nd</sup>. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the County School Board to notify each trustee of the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the County School Board.

The Committee on Text Books made their report to this Board, which was (excepting the adoption of Ellsworth's writing books) remanded back to the Committee for further consideration until the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November.

Ordered, That the committee on rules and regulations for the Public Schools be continued, and they are requested to report to this Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November.

On Motion of Mr. Round, It is ordered that warrants be drawn on the County Treasurer in favor of Messrs. Nicol and Bryant for the sum of six dollars each for their services (three days each) in settling with the County Treasurer and District Clerks, and to Mr. Bryant for his services to date (5 days) as Clerk of the County School Board.

On Motion of Mr. Nicol –

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare resolutions, directed to our representatives in the Legislature, soliciting their influence in the passage of some law, or the institution of the necessary steps to amend the Constitution, so as to more effectively secure to the Public Schools the money collected under its express provisions for their special benefit.

The President appointed Messrs. Nicol, Round, and Bryant the committee, and on motion the County Superintendent was added to the Committee.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton  
President

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At a meeting of the County School Board held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1878.

Wm. W. Thornton President

Present John W. Chapman, John G. Taylor, James M. Barbee, Alexander Compton  
& W. A. Bryant.

On Motion of Mr. Chapman, Resolved That the resolution passed by this Board on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1874 in reference to teachers failing to attend the Teachers Institute, be, and the same is hereby rescinded in its application to the employment of teachers for the present scholastic year.

On Motion of Mr. Compton, the following teachers who failed to attend the institute were excused: W. B. Garlick, John S. Storke, J. B. Buckner, Miss Julia Trone and Miss Ella Weedon.

On Motion of Mr. Chapman, Resolved, That E. A. Hill, Wm. S. Blackwell, Wm. C. Balch, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. J. Conrad, J. B. T. Thornton, Robert C. Weir, J. D. Dixon, [space left blank] Lewis, John A. Harrison and R. Letterman, teachers who attended the institute, but were not present at the examination, were excused provided they attend an examination to be held at Manassas on such day as the County Superintendent may appoint.

Resolved, That, Albert W. Lynn and Bestrand Clark are allowed another examination at the examination to be held at Manassas.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton  
President

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At a meeting of the County School Board held at Brentsville on the 16th day of November 1878.

Present           Wm. W. Thornton, President  
                    Wm. E. Lipscomb, James M. Barbee, A. H. Feuchael, Geo. R. Atkinson,  
                    Jas. Y. Janney, Bryant L. Gallaher, C. E. Nicol and W. A. Bryant.

The following report of the Committee on Text Books was submitted:

The Committee of School Trustees appointed to examine and recommend text books to the County School Board, most respectfully report that in their judgment the books now in use should be readopted for the public schools of this county for the next four years, with the exception of Holmes' U. S. History, for which they consider should be substituted Blackburn and McDonald's U. S. history, which should, however, be introduced into the schools as histories may be needed in the future, permitting all schools using Holmes' to continue to do so, until others be necessary, when Blackburn and McDonald's shall be procured.

Wm. W. Thornton,  
C. E. Nicol,  
Wm. A. Bryant,  
J. T. Janney.

We the Committee on the part of the Teachers, concur in the above report.

J. B. T. Thornton,  
J. B. Buckner,  
E. A. Hill,  
J. A. Nicol.

Mr. Barbee offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on text books be adopted and confirmed, and that the text books recommended by the said Committee be and they are hereby adopted for use in the public schools of this County.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Barbee was adopted.

Resolved, That in the introduction of Blackburn and McDonald's History the same shall be gradually introduced as the histories now in use become worthless from wear &c, and it is hereby understood that no new copies of Holmes' History shall be purchased or allowed to be used in the Public Schools of this County, from and after the passage of this resolution.

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of this Board to prepare resolutions, &c, submitted the following which were approved and adopted:

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To the Hons. Wm. H. F. See and Chas. E. Sinclair, Senators of the 1<sup>st</sup> Senatorial District of Virginia and Edwin Nelson, Delegate from Prince William County,

We the undersigned, a committee appointed by the County School Board of Prince William County to prepare resolutions directed to our representatives in the Legislature, Soliciting their influence in the passage of some law, or the institution of the necessary steps to amend the Constitution, so as to more effectually secure to the public schools the money collected under its express provisions for their special benefit, most respectfully submit the following:

1<sup>st</sup>. Whereas, The Constitution of 1869 appropriates all of the Literary Fund then existing, the proceeds of all public lands donated by Congress for public school purposes, all escheated property, all waste and unappropriated lands, all property accruing to the State by forfeitures, all fines collected for offenses committed against the State, the capitation tax provided for by the said Constitution, and an annual tax upon the property of the State of not less than one mill, nor more than five mills on the dollar; and whereas, upwards of a half million of dollars of the said funds have been diverted from their legitimate purposes, and the said tax on property continues to be misappropriated, now therefore,

Resolved, That the law be so amended that the said tax on property, instead of being paid into the general treasury, as at present, be retained in the hands of the respective County Treasurers, when collected, and that henceforth that it be considered and treated as a County fund instead of a State fund, and subject to the same laws and provisions as now prevail relative to the County fund.

2<sup>nd</sup> If the present provisions of the Constitution would render such law unconstitutional, that the necessary steps to amend the same, so as not to make such law in conflict therewith, be instituted at the next session of the Legislature.

C. E. Nicol,  
Wm. W. Thornton,  
Wm. A. Bryant  
Geo. C. Round.

A tax on ten cents on the hundred dollars was adopted for county school purposes, and for District purposes a tax of ten cents in Dumfries, Occoquan and Coles districts; of five (5) cents in Manassas, and of two and a half cents in Brentsville and Gainesville districts on the hundred dollars.

On Motion the Editor of the Manassas Gazette was requested to publish these proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Atkinson the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Prest.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1879

Wm. W. Thornton, Presdt.

Present J. M. Barbee, J. J. Davies, Robert H. Tyler, B. P. Dulin, E. P. Gaines, Montraville Cornwall, J. B. Sinclair and W. A. Bryant.

The report of the Committee appointed to settle with the County Treasurer was submitted to the Board and ordered to be filed.

On Motion of Mr. Dulin, It was ordered, that it be recommended to the several District Boards to make an allowance of five dollars each, to the Editor of the Manassas Gazette for the publication of School Matters, and they are requested to take this question in consideration at their first meeting.

Ordered, That whenever children desire to attend school in any District other than that in which they reside they shall make application for a permit to the Clerk of the Board of their own District.

Ordered, That warrants be drawn on the County Treasurer for the sum of six dollars in favor of J. J. Davies for 3 days services in settling with the County Treasurer and examining the books of District Clerks and the same amt. to W. A. Bryant for 3 days similar service – also that a warrant be drawn in favor of W. A. Bryant for six dollars for services as Clerk of this Board to date.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Prest.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Monday November  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1879

Wm. W. Thornton, President  
Present Geo. W. Tansill, James M. Barbee, E. P. Gaines, J. J. Davies and  
W. A. Bryant

On Motion of Mr. Davies, Resolved, That the order made at the last meeting of this board requiring children who attend school in any District other than their own to apply to the Clerk of their own District for a permit, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That hereafter, when children attend school in any District other than their own that no account be kept between the Districts for tuition, and the County Superintendent is hereby relieved from the duty of keeping said accounts between the Districts.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Prest.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>  
1880.

Wm. W. Thornton, President  
Present J. J. Davies, G. W. Tansill, John G. Taylor, Jas. M. Barbee, M. Cornwall  
And W. A. Bryant.

It was ordered, That a tax of ten cents on the hundred dollars be adopted for County  
School purposes, and for District purposes a tax of five cents on the hundred dollars  
in Gainesville and Manassas Districts, of ten cents in Dumfries, Occoquan, & Coles  
Districts, and of two and a half cents in Brentsville District.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Prest.

[signed] W. A. Bryant,  
Clerk

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1880.

Wm. W. Thornton, President

Present J. J. Davies, R. H. Tyler, Bryant Gallaher, J. M. Barbee, John L. Sinclair,  
E. P. Gaines, M. Cornwall, Jno. G. Taylor & W. A. Bryant

J. J. Davies, M. Cornwall and W. A. Bryant were appointed a committee to examine the vouchers upon which the State School funds were disbursed by the County Superintendent, under an act of the General Assembly approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879.

The committee made the following report which was approved and accepted by the County School Board.

Amount of Auditor Taylor's warrant no. 1317 on the Treasurer of Virginia for \$2620.10.

[detailed transactions omitted here]

Messrs. Davies, Gaines and Bryant were appointed a committee to settle with the County Treasurer and to examine the books of the District Clerks.

On Motion the Meeting adjourned to meet at the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1880.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Prest.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Monday August 9<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Wm. W. Thornton, President  
Present John W. Chapman, Montravillo Cornwall, J. J. Davies, R. H. Tyler  
& W. A. Bryant.

The report of the committee appointed to settle with the County Treasurer and district clerks was submitted to the Board, accepted and ordered to be filed.

On Motion of W. A. Bryant, J. J. Davies was unanimously elected Vice President of the County School Board.

The census books of Gainesville and Occoquan Districts, were laid before the Board and accepted as satisfactory.

Ordered, That warrants be drawn on the County Treasurer for the sum of six dollars in favor of J. J. Davies for 3 days services in settling with the Treasurer, County Superintendent and examining the books of District Clerks and the same amount to W. A. Bryant for similar services also for the sum of eight dollars for four days as clerk of this Board up to and including this date, and also for the sum of two dollars to M. Cornwall for 1 day in assisting to settle under the Henkle bill.

On Motion of Mr. Cornwall the Meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W Thornton, Prest.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Monday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>  
1880.

J. J. Davies, Vice President  
Present J. M. Barbee, Jno. M. Payne, J. R. Davis, William Metzger  
And W. A. Bryant.

On Motion of Mr. Barbee, Mrs. Compton, Mrs. L. R. Selectman, Messrs. Jno. S.  
Lunsford, Jno. S. Harrison and Garlick were excused for not attending the Institute and  
examination.

On Motion of Mr. Davies, Mr. Martyn was also excused on condition that he  
apologize to the County Superintendent.

Saturday next at Manassas was appointed for the examination of teachers who failed  
to attend the examination heretofore held.

On Motion the Meeting adjourned.

[signed] J. J. Davies, Vice Prest.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> 1880.

W. W. Thornton, President

Present J. L. Sinclair, William Metzger, J. J. Davies, Jas. M. Barbee, M. Cornwall,  
And W. A. Bryant.

On Motion, a tax of 10 cents on the hundred dollars was adopted for County School purposes, and for District purposes a tax of 10 cents on the one hundred dollars in Dumfries, Occoquan and Coles Districts, and of 5 cents in Brentsville, Manassas and Gainesville Districts.

On Motion the Meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton Prest.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held in Brentsville on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1881

Present           W. W. Thornton, President  
                    Jno. L. Sinclair, M. Cornwall, J. J. Davies, B. P. Dulin and W. A. Bryant.

The following Resolutions were adopted

Resolved, That we cordially endorse and approve the efforts of the County Superintendent in endeavoring to secure a Normal School in this county, and pledge our earnest support should it be held here; and it is further ordered that the Clerk of this Board forward a copy of this Resolution to the State Superintendent of Schools.

Resolved, That the County Supt. Of Schools be and is hereby authorized to fill the Scholarship at Blacksburg College.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to appear before the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting, to assist the County Superintendent in urging the allowance of proper levies in Dumfries, Coles and Brentsville Districts.

Messrs. Jno. M. Payne, Jas. M. Barbee, & B. P. Dulin were appointed assistants under the above resolution.

Resolved, That under the School regulations the County Superintendent is compelled and hereby requested and required to close all public schools of this county that fall below fifteen in average attendance.

Resolved, That we most respectfully petition our County Judge to allow us the use of the Court House for holding a Teachers Institute and Normal School, and it is further resolved that B. P. Dulin, Jno. L. Sinclair, M. Cornwall and W. A. Bryant are appointed a committee to wait upon the County Judge under this resolution; who immediately laid the above resolution before the County Judge and reported to the meeting that the Judge kindly allowed us the use of the Court House for the purpose indicated in this resolution.

Ordered, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Manassas Gazette.

On Motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton Prest.

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At the annual Meeting of the County School Board, held in Brentsville on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1881

Wm. W. Thornton, President  
Present Robert Tyler, J. J. Davies, B. P. Dulin, Jno. M. Payne and W. A. Bryant.

The following resolution was passed by a recorded vote;

Resolved, That the present law approved March 4<sup>th</sup> 1880, Entitled “An act to amend and reenact an act approved January 25<sup>th</sup> 1879 so as to extend the time in which District School boards are authorized to use district school funds for the payment of teachers” be so amended as to extend the time indefinitely for using district funds for paying teachers and that the language of the law be made clear that said boards may levy for said purpose.

Ayes – Mr. M. Payne, B. P. Dulin, Robert Tyler

Noes – J. J. Davies, H. A. Bryant

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1882 was agreed upon as the time for holding the next annual meeting of the Board.

The committee appointed for the purpose made the following report on the disbursement of State School funds by the County Superintendent under the Henkle Bill, which was approved and accepted by the Board.

[detailed billing information omitted from this transcript]

Ordered, That warrants be drawn on the County Treasurer for four dollars for 2 days services as clerk in settling with the District Clerks, and for 3 days services as clerk to J. B. T. Thornton the sum of six dollars and to W. A. Bryant four dollars for 2 days settling with the Co. Treasurer and eight dollars to same for services as clerk of this Board up to and including this date (4 days).

On Motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton President

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At a meeting of the County School Board held on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> 1881

W. W. Thornton,  
President

Present Wm. E. Lipscomb, Edmund Berkeley, J. M. Barbee,  
Montraville Cornwall, and W. A. Bryant

It was ordered that all teachers who failed to attend the Institute and Examination, be excused from the operation of a resolution of this Board, requiring all teachers to attend the Institute &c.

On Motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton

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At a meeting of the County School Board held on 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1881.

Wm. W. Thornton,  
President

Present Wm. E. Lipscomb, John G. Taylor, B. P. Dulin, E. Nelson,  
William Metzger & Wm. A. Bryant

On Motion a tax of 10 cents on the one hundred dollars was adopted for county school purposes, and for district purposes a tax of 10 cents on the hundred dollars in Dumfries, Occoquan and Coles Districts, of 5 cents in Manassas and of 2½ cents in Brentsville District.

On Motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. W. Thornton Prest.

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At a meeting of the County School Board held May 9<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Wm. W. Thornton, President

Present        John G. Taylor, James M. Barbee, A. D. Wroe, J. J. Davies  
                  And W. A. Bryant.

Fee Bills amounting to \$122 10/100 in the suit of the County School Board against Stewart & Palmer were presented to the Board by the County Superintendent, and it was ordered, That a draft be drawn upon the County Treasurer on the County School fund of 1881-2 payable to George W. Tansill sheriff, that amount being due to William A. Stewart and George W. Palmer for costs by them expended in prosecuting in the Supreme Court of Appeals a certain appeal from a deans [?] of the Circuit Court of Fauquier County in the Chancery cause of the Co. School Board vs. Stewart & Palmer.

Wm. W. Thornton County Superintendent of Schools, who had heretofore been appointed a committee by the County School Board to employ counsel & bring suit to recover the Jones legacy, with full power in the premises reported to this meeting of the Board that he employed Gen. Eppa Hunton who was to receive a contingent fee of twenty per cent upon the amount recovered and should nothing be recovered from said suit then Gen. Hunton is to receive no fee for his services.

[nothing further in this report]

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At the Annual Meeting of the County School Board held August 10<sup>th</sup> 1882,  
Wm. W. Thornton, President

Present James M. Barbee, Thomas W. Buckley, J. J. Davies,  
Wm. E. Lipscomb, J. Willet Leach, & Wm. A. Bryant.

The committee appointed to settle with the County Treasurer and District Clerks submitted their report which was adopted by the Board.

The following report of the committee on Text Books was submitted:

“To the County School Board of Prince William County:”

We the undersigned members of your committee have met and examined the various books licensed by the State Board and concluded to recommend to your Honorable Board that no change be made in the books now in use, except in two instances, as follows: Watson’s Speller and Davies’s Peck’s Brief Arithmetic instead of Holmes’ Speller and Venable’s Elementary Arithmetic. We further ask that action be suspended as regards the adoption of a U. S. History and a series of Geographies until your committee can have the opportunity to examine Holmes’ Revised History and Appleton [??] Geography which are now in press.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. A. Nicol  
Jno. S. Lunsford  
Wm. W. Thornton Jr.

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At a regular meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County, held in the office of the County Superintendent at Brentsville on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1882. Present County Superintendent Thornton & Trustees, Leache, Dolin, Sinclair, Barbee, Lipscomb and Davies.

[Nothing else was included in this report. The remainder of the page is blank.]

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Brentsville  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883

Pursuant to notice, the County School Board met this day at the office of the County Superintendent.

Maj. W. W. Thornton stated the object of the meeting and then vacated the chair which was taken by Supt. Martyne.

The following members of the Board were present: Messrs. Metzger, Barbee, Lynn, Taylor, Leache, Dulin, Lipscomb, Heineken & Buckley.

The former Clerk of the Board having resigned, Mr. R. E. Thornton was, on motion, elected to that office.

On motion of Mr. Dulin, Dr. J. W. Leache was elected Vice-President of the Board.

A claim of the County Treasurer for disbursing State School Funds for the years 1879, '80, '81 and '82 was considered by the Board &, on motion, a commission of two per cent was allowed thereon.

On motion, Mr. Dulin was appointed a committee of one to draft resolutions for the government of the Public Schools, to report at next meeting of Board.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Dulin & unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to Major W. W. Thornton for the faithful and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duties during the time of his superintendency of the Public Schools of Prince William County.

Superintendent Martyne then made a few appropriate remarks in which he requested the aid and cooperation of the Trustees in the discharge of his duties as Superintendent. To which Mr. Dulin replied by pledging the hearty co-operation of the School Trustees of the County.

The Supt. Appointed the fourth day of August, next, for holding the annual meeting of the Board.

On motion, adjourned.

[signed] Saml. Martyn  
Pres.

[signed] R. E. Thornton  
Clerk

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Brentsville  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883[Aug 4, 1883]

Pursuant to notice, the annual meeting of the County School Board was held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1883.

Supt. Martyne presiding.

Members present, Messrs. Dulin, Leache, Heinekin, Taylor, Lipscomb & Merchant.

The Committee appointed to draft resolutions for the government of Public Schools, submitted the following report:

We the Trustees of Prince William County, Va., earnestly recommend that the following rules be strictly observed in the Public Schools of Prince William County, Va.:

1<sup>st</sup>. That the Teacher shall see that the school house be kept in good order; that he shall prevent the pupils from defacing the school house & furniture; and shall, during the term, keep the key in his possession, and at the close of the session, shall deliver the same to the Clerk of the District Board; & that the Teachers shall be at the school house at least one half an hour before the regular hour for opening the school; and that any Teacher who shall fail to deliver the key as herein directed shall forfeit five dollars (\$5.00) to be deducted from his monthly pay.

2<sup>nd</sup>. All pupils, after their names are on the school register, are required to attend regularly, unless prevented by sickness, or some other good excuse be given to the Teacher.

3<sup>rd</sup>. All pupils are required positively to obey their Teachers.

4<sup>th</sup>. On entering school room every scholar should make a polite salutation to the Teacher.

5<sup>th</sup>. No fire-arms, nor any deadly weapons will be allowed to be brought to the school house, & if any pupil insists on doing so, after due notice, then the said pupil, or pupils, shall be expelled from school.

6<sup>th</sup>. No pupil must use tobacco during school hours.

7<sup>th</sup>. At recess, or at closing school for the day, Teachers shall see that only a certain number “go out at a time” so as to prevent confusion in the school room.

On motion it was resolved that the above rules be recommended to the several District School Boards for adoption & upon the adoption of the same, it shall be the duty of the District School Board to cause a printed copy of the same to be posted in each house.

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Appointment of a Committee, to settle accounts with the County Treasurer Clerks of the Dist. School Board being next in order, Dr. J. W. Leache moved that Messrs. Lipscomb, Taylor and Brawner be appointed for the discharge of said duty. Motion was carried.

On motion it was resolved that the County Superintendent withhold the warrant for the back commission claimed by the County Treasure W. W. Kincheloe, & that the County Supt. Be requested to obtain the opinion of the Common Wealth Attorney in reference to the right of this Board to allow the said Kincheloe the back commission claimed by him.

On motion of Mr. Dulin, it was resolved that the County School Board suggest to the District Boards that they order the schools to be opened on the first Monday in October.

On motion, it was resolved that the Supervisors be requested to make the following levies: Brentsville District, 10 cents; Coles Dist., 10 cents; Manassas Dist., 5 cents; Gainesville Dist., 7½ cents.

Occoquan & Dumfries not being represented, there was no levy suggested for them.

Resolved that the next meeting of the County School Board be held on the first Monday in September, 1883.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] Saml. Martyn  
Pres.

[signed] R. E. Thornton  
Clerk

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Pursuant to notice, the meeting of the County School Board was held the third day of September 1883, Supt. Martyne presiding & the following members present: Messrs. Lipscomb, Payne, Taylor, Sinclair, Lynn, Barbee, Heineken, Leache, Dulin, Brawner & Dane.

The committee appointed to settle accounts with the County Treasurer & Clerks of the School Boards made a report which was approved by the unanimous vote of the Board & ordered to be filed.

Next in order, levies of 10 cts each were claimed for Occoquan & Dumfries Districts.

On motion, three bills amounting to fourteen dollars were ordered to be paid to the committee appointed to settle accounts with the County Treasurer & Clerks of the District School Boards, for the discharge of said duty.

On motion, it was resolved that the order entered on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 1883, allowing W. W. Kincheloe, Treasurer, a commission of 2 per cent on the funds under the Henkle Bill, or Grand Staff Act, for the years 1879, 80, 81 & 82, be & the same is hereby rescinded.

On motion, it was resolved that W. W. Kincheloe, Treasurer, be allowed a commission of one per cent for disbursing the State fund under the Henkle Bill, or Grand staff Act, for the years 1879, 80, 81 & 82, & that the same shall be paid out of the County School funds & that the Supt. Is hereby authorized to withhold this warrant for the same until he can procure the opinion of the Attorney General as to the legality of this resolution.

On motion, of Mr. Jno. G. Taylor, it was resolved that Mr. Jno. L. Sinclair be appointed a committee to ascertain whether the Treasurer of this County has accounted for the penalty of the five percent on the County & District School tax for the year 1879, 80, 81 & 82, & if not, that the Committee ascertain & report the amount of such penalty for the said years. A petition was presented asking that a new school house be built in in Dumfries Dist. which was referred to the Dist. Board. The committee appointed for the purpose made the following report on the disbursement of State School funds by the late County Superintendent under the Hinkle Bill which was approved & accepted by the Board.

[detailed invoices not shown here]

On motion the Board adjourned “sine die”

[signed] Saml. Martyn  
Pres.

[signed] R. E. Thornton  
Clerk

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At a called meeting of the County School Board, held at Brentsville this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1883, Supt. Martyne presiding & the following members present: Wm. E. Lipscomb, Jno. L. Sinclair, Jas. M. Barbee, & B. P. Dulin.

The following resolution was offered & adopted:

Resolved, That the contract entered into between Gen Eppa Hunton & Maj. Wm. W. Thornton, late Superintendent of schools, & acting as agent of this Board, by which the said Hunton was to receive a contingent fee of 20 per cent on the amount received from the Jones legacy, as appears by an entry at the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1883, meeting, be & the same is hereby ratified. We, the County School Board of Prince Wm., hereby ratify & confirm the contract made with Eppa Hunton for the recovery of the Jones legacy as set out in order entered by our predecessors in May last.

Report of the committee of conference in the matter of building a school house in Dumfries District was presented & the Clerk was directed to forward the said report to the Clerk of the said District; of which report the following is a copy:

Copy of a Report of reference

To the School Board of Dumfries District

At a meeting of a special board of reference held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1883 composed of Samuel Martyn, County Superintendent, James M. Barbee of Coles Dist. And Jno L. Sinclair of Occoquan District to locate a school house at or near George Maddox's shop. After viewing the premises and considering the surroundings, have concluded that the most appropriate place for said house will be upon the Telegraph Road, on the farm known as Round Top, about four hundred yards from the ford of Powell's run, on said road, we herewith return your petition marked A the most of whom will be accommodated, we also return your petition marked B. the most of whom are near enough to send to Greenwood School which is now open, and the rest can send to the present location.

Respectfully submitted as final

Saml. Martyne C. R. S.

Jos. M. Barbee Coles School District

John L. Sinclair Occoquan School District

The Superintendent presented letters from the Attorney General & R. R. Farr, State Superintendent of public Instruction, confirming the right of the Board in allowing the Treasurer a commission under the resolution entered the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept., 1883.

It was on motion of Mr. Sinclair, resolved that the draft for the said commission be withheld by the Superintendent until a report shall be made as to the penalty on the County & District School funds.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

[signed] Saml. Martyn

Pres.

[signed] R. E. Thornton  
Clerk

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At the Annual meeting of the County School Board held at Brentsville on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1884.

Saml. Martyne presiding.

Present, Messrs. Payne, Sinclair, Dulin, Heineken, Merchant, Barbee, Lipscomb, Brown, Buckley, Thomas & Brawner.

Minutes were read & approved.

On motion of Mr. Heineken it was resolved that the County Treasurer be allowed a commission of one per cent, for disbursing all of the state school funds excepting those under the Henkle Bill. To this motion Mr. Lipscomb offered an amendment allowing the Co. Tr. Two percent instead of one, but it was defeated.

Mr. John L. Sinclair, who was appointed at last meeting to ascertain whether or not the Co. Tr. Had accounted for the penalty of five per cent on the County & district taxes for the years 1879, '80, '81 & '82, made a report claiming that the Co. Tr. Was due upon the district funds for the four said years \$144.27 & upon the County funds for the same time \$222.45.

Whereupon a motion was made & carried that the said County Tr. Retain the amount due by him for penalties on County & district funds in lieu of any commission due him for disbursing the amounts for the said years 1879, '80, '81 & '82 under the Henkle Bill.

On motion of Mr. Barbee it was resolved that the schools of this County start on the first Monday in Sept. or as early as possible there after.

A motion was made & carried that the chair appoint a committee of three to adjust accounts with the County Tr. Where upon the following appointments were made Messrs. Wm. E. Lipscomb, Jas. M. Barbee & Jno. A. Brawner.

On Motion it was resolved that each district of this County pay the Manassas Gazette the sum of five dollars per year for the publication of school matters.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Heineken & unanimously adopted by the Board.

“Whereas it is the sense of this Board that the ruling of the State Board of Education requiring the Teachers to be paid per capita when the average is under twenty scholars, has resulted to the great detriment of the schools of this County, and that the salary of Teachers should be left to the Dist. School Boards wherefore be it resolved that the State Board of Education be respectfully petitioned to except this county from the operation of the said ruling that the County Supt. Of schools be requested to transmit this resolution to the Hon. R. R. Farr, State Supt. Of Education, with the request that he lay it before the said Board.

On motion it was resolved that the County Tr. Be allowed a commission of one per cent for disbursing the school funds under the Henkle Bill.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Saml. Martyne  
Chairman

[signed] B. E. Thornton, clerk.

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Statement of a settlement made with the County Superintendent of schools of the County of Prince Wm. Made in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, approved March 6<sup>th</sup> 1882, being a statement of the amount of State Funds apportioned to the said county by the provisions of said Act known as the “Grandstaff Act” and disbursed under warrants issued by the said Superintendent

[Detailed accounting information not used here]

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At a called meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County, held in the office of the County Supt., at Brentsville, on Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1884 present Supt. Martyne & Trustees Dane, Barbee, Lynn, Jones, Brawner, Thomas, Merchant and Heineken.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the State Board of Education stating that the letter from the Supt. Of Schools of this county had been filed to be acted upon by said Board, relative to a resolution offered by Mr. Heineken at the last meeting of this Board, directing the Supt. Of this county to petition the State Board of Education to except Prince William county from the ruling of said Board as to the average attendance required to be made in the public schools of this state.

On motion the Superintendent was directed to ask the following levies for District purposes:

Dumfries, Occoquan, Coles and Brentsville 10 cents each. Manassas and Gainesville, 7½ cents each on the hundred dollars.

A claim of the County Treasurer was presented, asking an allowance of five percent on eight hundred dollars advanced by him to pay off teachers' warrants, and on motion of Mr. Heineken the Superintendent was directed to draw a draft for \$25.00 as interest and \$15.00 as commissions on said sum, making 5 per cent.

The following allowances were made and the Clerk was directed to draw drafts for same:

Superintendent of Schools, for stationary, \$5.00: J. A. Brawner, J. J. Davies and James M. Barbee, \$8.00 each for four days' services in settling with the County Treasurer and District Clerks; Clerk of County School Board \$2.00.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] B. E. Thornton,  
Clerk.

[signed] Saml. Martyne  
Chairman

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At a called meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1885, in the office of Supt. Martyne at Brentsville. Present, Supt. Martyne, & Trustees Barbee, Jones, Brawner, Buckley, Merchant & Ratcliffe.

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

On motion it was resolved that the following compromise offered by Stuart & Palmer to Hunton & Son, in regard to the Jones legacy case as appears in the minutes of meeting held May 9<sup>th</sup> 1883, be accepted by this Board.

Amount due deducting war annuity

Debt	\$3,374.87
Annuity of \$147.50 from Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> 1864 to March 20 <sup>th</sup> 1885	<u>2,999.07</u>
	6,373.94
On half off to compromise	\$3,186.97

[signed] B. E. Thornton,  
Clerk.

[signed] Saml. Martyne  
Chairman

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The annual meeting of the County School Board was held at Brentsville on Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1885, Supt. Martyne presiding.

Present: Messrs. Jones, Barbee, Brawner, Merchant, Payne, King, Barbour, Wilkins, Lynn, Dayne, Brown, Powell and Gossom.

On motion it was resolved that the District Boards of this County can make contracts with teachers so much per month and any amount per capita that the said Boards may agree upon; and can enter into special covenant that the per capita shall not exceed the salary agreed upon per month.

Motion was made and carried that Christmas day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, Easter Monday and Thanksgiving day be regarded as legal holidays and that teachers shall receive pay for those days.

On motion it was resolved that the County Treasurer be allowed a commission of two per cent for disbursing the state funds of 1884 and 1885.

It was moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman to settle accounts with the Clerk and trustees. Messrs. J. J. Davies, Jno. M. Payne and S. E. Jones were appointed.

Motion was made and carried that the contract heretofore existing with the Manassas Gazette for the publication of school matters, be renewed.

A bill of four dollars was ordered to be paid to the clerk for services to date.

A motion was made and carried that the committee appointed to settle with the district clerks be requested, in reviewing the accounts of said clerks, not to make any erasures by reason of drafts having been issued and not presented for payment, but to charge such drafts as have not been presented for payment to the districts which issued them.

It was moved and carried that the clerks who take the census be allowed a compensation of two cents per capita extra.

It was moved and carried that the Superintendent be allowed fifteen dollars to cover expenses of stationary &c. The clerk drew an order for same.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] B. E. Thornton, clerk.

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A called meeting of the Co. School Board was held at Brentsville on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1885 Supt Martyne presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Barbee, Jones, Ratcliff, Brawner & Davis.

The meeting minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following amounts were reported as the levy needed by each District

	Co. Levy	D. L.
Dumfries	10¢	10¢
Occoquan	10¢	10¢
Coles	10¢	10¢
Brentsville	10¢	7¢

Whereas this Board not having heard from Genl. Eppa Hunton in regard to the Jones' Legacy since June 17<sup>th</sup> 1885. Therefore

Resolved, That the Supt. Of Schools is respectfully requested to address Genl. Hunton as to whether any further action has been taken in the matter.

On motion the bills of Messrs. J. J. Davies for \$8.00 Jno. M. Payne for \$6.00 L. E. Jones for \$6.00 for action as a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer & Dist. Clerks, were accepted and ordered to be paid.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] B. B. Thornton,  
Clerk. - protem

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held at Brentsville Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1885 the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved That it is the expression of this Board that it is desirable to lend out the funds obtained from the Jones legacy in one amount.

On motion resolved. That a committee of three consisting of the following: Samuel Martyne, Pres., C. A. Heineken and J. O. Brawner, each a member of the Board, be hereby authorized to receipt for the amount received from the Jones' legacy now in the hands of Gen. Eppa Hunton as soon as the said Eppa Hunton shall have placed said amount in some convenient National Bank to the credit of said committee; to advise said loan; receive proposals for same; submit said proposals to the Commonwealth's Attorney for his investigation as to the title &c; to lend the funds to the parties accepted by Committee and to perform all other duties necessary in the premises.

[signed] Arthur P. Gray, Chairman

[signed] R. E. Thornton, Secretary

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At a meeting of the School Board of Prince William County held at Manassas on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 1886, there were present Supt. Martyne, Pres.; Messrs. Thomas, Barbour, Merchant, Brawner, Heinekin, Jones, & Barbee. On motion of Dr. C. C. Barbour the reading of minutes of last meeting were dispensed with.

Supt Martyne made to the Board a statement of how the Board stood in the Stuart Palmer case.

On motion by Mr. Heineken, Mr. Martyne was authorized to sign deed of release to Stuart & Palmer. Motion was unanimously passed.

On motion Board adjourned.

[signed] Arthur P. Gray, Chairman

[signed] R. E. Thornton, Clerk

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The annual meeting of the County School Board was held at Brentsville, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1886. Rev. A. P. Gray presiding.

The meeting opened with prayer. Roll was called and the following trustees noted present: Messrs. G. M. Ratcliffe, Jno. M. Payne, Jno. H. Dayne, Jno. S. Powell, James M. Barbee, C. M. Copin, Mark Thomas, Nathaniel House, Jno. A. Brawner, C. A. Heineken, T. M. Buckley, and W. A. Lynn. Those absent were Messrs. Thos. E. Gossom, Wm. Metzger, Leland Lynn, R. W. Merchant, W. W. Thornton, J. T. Leachman and W. H. Brown.

Minutes of last two meetings were read and approved.

C. A. Heineken was unanimously elected vice president and R. E. Thornton Secretary for the ensuing year.

The chair appointed Messrs. Jno. A. Brawner, Jno. M. Payne and R. E. Thornton a committee of three to settle with the County Treasurer and Clerks of the district school boards.

On motion, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was placed on the list of legal holidays decided upon by the Board at the last annual meeting, for which teachers are entitled to pay without teaching.

A bill of eight dollars was presented by the Clerk for services and ordered to be paid.

An appropriation of five dollars was made to the Superintendent for stationery &c.

Motion was made by Mr. Barbee to allow the county Treasurer a commission of two percent for disbursing the State School funds. To this Mr. Heineken offered an amendment to allow one percent instead of two. Motion, as amended by Mr. Heineken, was carried.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Arthur P. Gray  
Chairman

[signed] R. E. Thornton,  
Clerk

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1886

At a meeting of the County School Board held at Brentsville on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1886 there were present: Rev. A. P. Gray, County Superintendent, Chairman.

Nath. House, Robt. H. Hooe	--	Brentsville Dist.
James M, Barbee, L. A. Lynn	--	Coles “
James H. Dayne	--	Dumfries “
C. A. Heineken, Wm. H. Brown	--	Gainesville “
J. T. Leachman, W. W. Thornton	--	Manassas “

The Commonwealth Att’y, Mr. E. E. Meredith presented the following report in reference to the Jones legacy, which was read and adopted.

“To the County School Board”

“The undersigned would respectfully report that the amt. of school money loaned J. R. Purcell secured by Deed of Trust is \$2400.00. The first years interest will be due on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Feby 1887 being \$144.00 (6 per cent). The interest will be due on the 9th of Feby of each year”

(signed) E. E. Meredith  
Atty for the Com

On motion of Mr. Barbee it was unanimously resolved that the above named fund belongs only to what was formerly Dettingen parish, as willed by the testator; which would at present, include the following named schools. All below Cedar Run, and “Brentsville” School in Brentsville District. “Bradley” and “Buck Hall” Schools in Manassas District.

On motion of Mr. Gray – Mr. Heineken in the chair, -- it was resolved that as the Jones fund does not belong to the County, the County Board can not have any control over said fund.

On motion it was resolved that the Board of Supervisors be respectfully requested to make the following levies for District School purposes:

Brentsville Dist.,	10¢	on \$100.00	– Total	\$560.00
Coles Dist.,	10¢	“	“	250.00
Dumfries “	10¢	“	“	275.00
Gainesville “	7½ ¢	“	“	600.00
Manassas “	10¢	“	“	987.00
Occoquan “	Not represented			
Potomac “	“ “			

On motion, it was ordered that the amount of \$30.00 – to be paid out of the County School fund – be allowed to the Manassas Gazette; for publishing, for the current School year, all official business of County and District School Boards.

Mr. I. F. Brawner, agent for Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, representing Worcester’s Dictionaries, being present for the purpose, was requested to make a statement concerning the same, whereupon he presented to the Board a proposition from Messrs. Lippincott & Co to furnish, for a term of four years, upon the following terms

Worcester’s Comprehensive Dict’y	@	\$1.40
“ New School “	@	.80

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“ Primary “ @ .48

And whenever desired to exchange the same for Webster’s series of similar grade now in the hands of pupils, -- exchange to be continued for one year from this date, -- upon the following terms

Worcester’s Comprehensive Dict’y	@	80¢
“ New School	“ @	40
“ Primary	“ @	30

On motion of Mr. Heineken the proposition of Messrs. Lippincott & Co. was accepted and contract entered into, and it was resolved that the teachers of the different schools be recommended to make the exchange of old Webster’s for new Worcester’s upon the above terms whenever practicable.

There being no further business before the Board it was adjourned by the Chairman.

[signed] Arthur P. Gray  
Chairman

[signed] Wm. H. Brown  
Clerk pro temp

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Brentsville, Va., Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1886

To the County School Board

The undersigned named respectfully report that the amt of School Money loaned J  
R. Purcell and secured by deed of trust is \$2400<sup>00</sup>  
The first years interest will be due on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Feby 1887 being \$144<sup>00</sup> (6 per cent)  
The interest will be due on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Feby of each year

E. E. Meredith  
Atty for the Com

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A called meeting of the trustees of those districts included in Dettingen Parish was held at Brentsville on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1887 to decide upon the manner of disposing of the interest on the Jones legacy. Supt. A. P. Gray, presiding.

Present: Messrs. House, Tomas, Leachman, Lipscomb, Barber and Copin.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Dettingen Parish, be divided into four districts as follows:

No. 1, Dumfries District, including Dumfries  
“ 2, Occoquan “  
“ 3, Coles “  
“ 4, that portion of the Parish included within the limits of Brentsville and Manassas Districts.

Resolved: That the interest on the Jones Legacy be distributed for one year to each district and the Parish, in the following order:

For session of 1887 – 1888, to Dist. No. 3 (Coles)  
“ “ “ 1888 – 1889, “ “ “ 2 (Occoquan)  
“ “ “ 1889 – 1890, “ “ “ 1 (Dumfries)  
“ “ “ 1890 – 1891, “ “ “ 4 (Manassas & Brentsville)

The above order was decided by drawing lots.

Meeting adjourned.

[signed] R. E. Thornton, Clerk

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The annual meeting of the County School Board was held in Brentsville on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1887, Supt. Gray presiding.

Present: Messrs. Mark, Thomas and Nathaniel House, Brentsville district; Jas. M. Barbee and C. M. Copin, Coles district; John M. Payne, Dumfries district; J. T. Leachman, Manassas district; C. A. Heineken and T. B. Buckley, Gainesville district.

On motion, the chair was requested to appoint a committee to meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August to settle accounts with the County Treasure and district clerks. Messrs. Nathaniel House, W. N. Lipscomb and James M. Barbee were appointed. They were requested not to scratch the clerks' books in settling but to make notes of errors, should there be any, on the margin of the pages.

Ordered that the clerk be instructed to ascertain & report at the next meeting the amount of expenses paid out of the county school funds in recovering the Jones legacy; also that portion of the same paid by Gainesville District.

Mr. Heineken moved that the county Treasurer be allowed a commission of one per cent for the ensuing year for disbursing the State school funds. Motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Heineken, it was resolved that the Manassas Gazette be allowed thirty dollars for publishing school matters during the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Barbee the Superintendent was allowed ten dollars to defray expenses of stationary during the ensuing year.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Arthur P. Gray  
Chairman

[signed] R. E. Thornton, Clerk

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1887

At an adjourned meeting of the County School Board, held at Brentsville, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1887, there were present, Rev. A. P. Gray, County Superintendent, chairman, Messrs. Nath. House, Robt. H. Hooe, Brentsville dist.  
J. M. Barber, C. M. Copin, Coles “  
J. W. Chapman, Dumfries “  
Wm. H. Brown, Gainesville “  
W. N. Lipscomb & R. W. Merchant, Manassas “

The Clerk of the Board being absent Wm. H. Brown was appointed clerk pro tem.

On motion it was resolved, that the Board of Supervisors be requested to reduce the County levy to 5¢ on the \$ 100 worth of property, and to make a levy for District purposes as follows,

Brentsville district	15¢	on the \$100 worth of prop.
Coles “	15¢	“ “ “ “ “ “
Gainesville “	12 ½¢	“ “ “ “ “ “
Dumfries “	10¢	“ “ “ “ “ “
Manassas “	10¢	“ “ “ “ “ “
Occoquan “	10¢	“ “ “ “ “ “

As instructed at the last meeting of this Board the clerk reported that there was paid out of the County School fund of 1881 – 2 the sum of \$122.10 in recovering the Jones legacy (see page 83, this book [May 9, 1882]), and that the amount due Gainesville district therefor is \$38 16/100. And on motion of Mr. Barbee, it was ordered that the districts beneficiary of said legacy refund to Gainesville district the sums of \$38 16/100 as follows, Brentsville district \$4 44/100; Coles district \$9 54/100; Dumfries district \$9 54/100; Manassas district \$4 77/100; and Occoquan dist. \$9 54/100; to be paid out of the county fund after apportionment.

The County clerk reported to this Board, that there was due the School Fund, on account of the delinquent tax list the sum of eight hundred and twenty four dollars and twenty two cents (\$824.22/100) of which amount

\$457.92 is due the County School Fund

61.05 “ “	Brentsville district
61.05 “ “	Coles “
61.05 “ “	Dumfries “
61.05 “ “	Gainesville “
61.05 “ “	Manassas “
61.05 “ “	Occoquan “

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On motion it was ordered that the forgoing report of the County Clerk be received and approved by this Board and said Clerk be paid the sum of \$15.00/100 for compiling the same.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] Arthur P. Gray  
Chairman

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk pro tem.

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1888

At the annual meeting of the County School Board, held at Brentsville, Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> 1888, there were present J. B. T. Thornton Esq., county superintendent, president, and Messrs.

Mark Thomas & Nath. House	--	Brentsville dist.
J. M. Barbee	--	Coles “
Wm. H. Brown	--	Gainesville “
R. W. Merchant	--	Manassas “
and Dr. J. S. Powell	--	Occoquan “

Dr. Powell was elected vice-president, and Wm. H. Brown clerk for the ensuing year.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

On motion, Messrs. Merchant, Thomas and Barbee were appointed a committee, to meet at Brentsville on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., to examine and compare the accounts of the county treasurer and the district clerks.

On motion; \$30.00 was allowed the Manassas Gazette for publishing the official business of the county and district Boards for the current year.

On motion, -- Dr. Powell in the chair – the Superintendent was allowed the sum of \$10.00/100 for stationery, postage &c, and \$5.00 for the purchase of necessary books of record.

On motion, the county treasurer was allowed one (1) per cent on the disbursement of the State funds, for the ensuing year.

On motion, the county superintendent was directed to make an arrangement with the county treasurer by which the drafts on the State funds may be paid when presented, in consideration of the penalty in the county school fund.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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1888

At a called meeting of the County School Board, held at Brentsville, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1888, there were present J. B. T. Thornton Esq., chairman, Messrs.

Nath. House	--	Brentsville dist.
J. M. Barbee	--	Coles “
W. C. Williams	--	Dumfries “
Wm. H. Brown	--	Gainesville “
I. T. Leachman	--	Manassas “
Dr. Jno. S. Powell	--	Occoquan “

On motion it was resolved that the Board of Supervisors be requested to make a levy of 10¢ on the hundred dollars worth of property for County School purposes, and as follows for District School purposes,

Brentsville Dist	6¢	on the one hundred dollars
Coles “	10¢	“ “ “ “ “
Dumfries “	10¢	“ “ “ “ “
Gainesville “	7½¢	“ “ “ “ “
Manassas “	5¢	“ “ “ “ “
Occoquan “	10¢	total for Occoquan \$501.00

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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1889

At the annual meeting of the County School Board, held at Brentsville, Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 1889, there were present J. B. T. Thornton Esq., President and

Messrs. Mark Thomas	Brentsville dist.
J. M. Barbee	Coles “
W. C. Williams	Dumfries “
Jno. S. Powell	Occoquan “
J. T. Leachman	Manassas “ and
Wm. H. Brown	Gainesville “

Dr. Jno. S. Powell was elected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown, clerk for the ensuing year.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Dr. Powell called the attention of the Board to the availability of paying the trustees for attendance on the meetings of the County Board. The County Superintendent stated that while in Richmond he had earnestly advocated this measure, but the State Superintendent was not aware of any law authorizing such payment.

Messrs. J. T. Leachman, Mark Thomas and J. M. Barbee were appointed a committee to meet at Brentsville on Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> to examine and compare the accounts of the County Treasurer and District clerks.

Resolved that hereafter the County Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to appoint a committee of three from the School Board to examine and compare the books of the County Treasurer and District clerks prior to the annual meetings of the Board so that the said committee shall be able to report upon the same at the annual meeting thereafter.

It was resolved to allow the County Treasurer a commission of two (2) per cent for the disbursement of the State funds.

On motion Thirty (30) Dollars was allowed the Manassas Gazette for publishing the business of the County and District Boards for the current school year.

On motion the County Superintendent, was allowed ten (10) Dollars for postage, stationery &c for the current school year.

Upon the recommendation of the County Superintendent, it was resolved that the District Boards be requested to allow a reasonable amount to the District clerks for contingent expenses.

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On motion the County Superintendent was directed to make an arrangement with the County Treasurer by which drafts on the State Funds may be paid, when presented, in consideration of the penalty on the County School Fund, provided an apportionment of the County Funds shall be made upon exhaustion of the State Funds.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

[signed] J. B. T. Thornton  
Prest.

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1890

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held at Brentsville on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 1890 there were present J. B. T. Thornton Esq., President and Messrs. Mark Thomas, Nath. House, & M. K. Redding of Brentsville Dist. – L. E. Jones, L. A. Lynn and Jas. Barbee of Coles Dist. – Westwood Hutchison and Wm. H. Brown of Gainesville Dist. – R. W. Merchant, Manassas Dist. and Jno. S. Powell of Occoquan Dist.

Dr. Jno. S. Powell was elected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown, clerk for the ensuing year.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Resolved that in consideration of the additional work required to be done in taking the present school census, the clerks of the different districts be and are hereby allowed a compensation of 5 cents per capita.

On motion of Mr. Hutchison it was resolved that the District Boards in contracting with teachers, require them to close their schools whenever the average shall fall below 15 for any month.

On motion of Mr. Merchant, it was resolved that the County School Board accept for this County, the law providing payment to Trustees for attendance upon County School Board meetings.

On motion of Dr. Powell, resolved that, Whereas the efficiency of the public Schools is much hindered by frequent changes in the selection of Teachers, -- each new teacher being unfamiliar with the disposition of each pupil and ignorant of their state of advancement, requiring perhaps one fifth of the term to properly grade and classify them, it is suggested by this Board that each District School Board shall furnish each teacher a class book and daily record for each school, to be kept by the teacher in a neat and orderly manner and returned to the Board at the end of the term for use of his or her successor and no teacher shall receive his or her last months pay until this duty shall have been complied with.

Resolved that the County School Board accept for this County the law passed at the last session of the Legislature compensating Trustees for their attendance upon the meetings of the District School Boards.

Resolved that the report of the committee, -- Messrs. Mark Thomas, Jno. J. Davies and Jas. M. Barbee, -- appointed by the President of the Board to examine and compare the accounts of the District clerks with the County Treasurer be accepted.

Resolved that Mr. J. J. Davies be appointed to ascertain the amnt of money to which the several districts are entitled by reason of delinquent lands sold and the amnt to which

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the County School fund is entitled out of such sales, for which said Davies shall receive as compensation the sum of four (4) Dollars.

On motion of Dr. Powell, resolved that the Clerk of this Board be required to provide a book of blank forms drawn on the County fund for the use of this Board.

On motion of Mr. Hutchison, resolved to accept the offer of Mr. J. J. Davies to furnish to the schools the books required by law, at prices quoted in the contract with the State Board, and that he would have one place of deposit for said Books in each school District.

Resolved that the School books at present in use, be continued with the privilege of additions to them as may be required.

Mr. Barbee offered a resolution to allow the Treasurer a commission of two (2) per cent for disbursement of the State funds.

Wm. Brown moved to amend by allowing a commission of one (1) per cent and asked for the ayes and nays on the amendment.

Ayes 3. – Dr. M. K. Redding, L. H. Lynn & W. H. Brown

Nays 7. – Nath. House, L. E. Jones, J. M. Barbee, Mark Thomas, R. W. Merchant, Westwood Hutchison & Dr. Jno. S. Powell

The original resolution was then adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

[signed] J. B. T. Thornton  
Pres.

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1891

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held at Brentsville on Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> 1891. There were present superintendent J. B. T. Thornton president and Messrs.

Nath. House and M. K. Redding	Brentsville dist.
L. A. Lynn, L. E. Jones & J. M. Barbee	Coles “
E. L. Lindsley	Dumfries “
H. Howdershell & Wm. H. Brown	Gainesville “
J. T. Leachman & Geo. C. Round	Manassas “
J. S. Powell	Occoquan “
J. J. Davies & F. C. Rorabaugh	Manassas Town

Mr. Geo. C. Round was elected vice-president, and Wm. H. Brown clerk for the ensuing year.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

On motion it was resolved that hereafter the clerk of the District Board be required to present the minutes of their respective Boards and vouchers of accounts for Examination with their accounts.

On motion of Mr. Round, resolved that the report of the committee, -- Messrs. Davies, Thomas and Barbee, -- appointed by the County Superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the District clerks with the account of the County Treasurer be accepted and the committee discharged.

Resolved that Mr. J. J. Davies is hereby appointed to ascertain the amount of money to which the several districts are entitled by reason of the delinquent lands sold for the fiscal year 1891 and report the same to the County Superintendent and the County Superintendent report the amount to the Board of Supervisors. And that Mr. Davies shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of two Dollars.

On motion of Mr. Davies, resolved that a committee of three be appointed to examine books on hygiene and physiology and make a selection for adoption by the schools of this County and report at the next meeting of the Board. The selection made, if approved by the County Superintendent, to be used in the Schools for the current year. Dr. Powell, Dr. Redding and Mr. Round was appointed on this committee.

On motion of Mr. Round, ordered that thirty Dollars be paid, the Manassas Gazette, out of any unappropriated County funds, for publishing the business of the County and District School Boards for the year ending July 31<sup>st</sup> 1891.

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On motion of Mr. Barbee, resolved that thirty Dollars be allowed the Manassas Gazette for publishing the business of the County and District Boards for the year ending July 31<sup>st</sup> 1892.

On motion of Mr. Round, resolved that the County Superintendent be authorized to purchase a stamp for cancellation of warrants.

On motion of Dr. Powell, resolved that the resolution, (in these words, “Resolved that as the Jones fund does not belong to the County, the County Board cannot have any control over said fund.”) passed November 15<sup>th</sup> 1886, be and hereby is rescinded.

Ayes 10. Messrs. Lynn, Barbee, Lindsley, Powell, Rorabaugh, House, Redding, Howdershell, Davies and Round.

Nays 2. Messrs. Leachman and Jones.

On motion of Mr. Davies, resolved that the interest on the Jones legacy, due on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1891 be paid to Coles District.

Resolved that the County Superintendent be allowed the sum of ten Dollars for postage, stationery &c for the school year 1891/92.

Mr. Barbee moved that the County Treasurer be allowed a commission of 2 per cent for the disbursement of State Fund – Mr. Brown moved to amend by allowing a commission of 1 per ct. which amendment was adopted by the following vote. Ayes 7 – Nays 5

Ayes – Messrs. Lynn, Lindsley, Rorabaugh, House, Howdershell, Round & Brown  
Nays – Messrs. Barbee, Jones, Powell, Leachman & Davies.

On motion of Mr. Brown the County Superintendent was directed to make an arrangement with the County Treasurer by which drafts on the State funds shall be paid when presented in consideration of the penalty on the County School Fund.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

[signed] J. B. T. Thornton  
Pres.

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1892

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held at Brentsville on Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup> 1892, there were present superintendent J. B. T. Thornton, President and Messrs.

Nath. House, M. K. Redding and Mark Thomas,	Brentsville dist.
Jas. M. Barbee and L. A. Lynn,	Coles “
H. Howdershell & Wm. H. Brown	Gainesville “
Geo. C. Round and J. T. Leachman	Manassas “
J. J. Davies	Town of “
Jno. S. Powell	Occoquan “

Dr. Jno. S. Powell was elected vice-president, and Wm. H. Brown clerk for the current School year.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The president made a statement of a conversation had with the State Superintendent concerning the disposition of the State Fund in regard to their return to State after December the first, and announced his intention to adopt the suggestion of the State Superintendent for this County, no objection being made by the trustees.

Resolved that the report of the committee, -- Messrs. Davies, Thomas and Barbee – appointed by the County Superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the County Treasurer and District Clerks, be accepted.

The committee – Drs. Powell and Redding and Wm. Round – appointed at the last meeting of this Board to examine and report on text books on hygiene and physiology for adoption by the schools of this County reported that three books on this subject, “Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene” by Tracy. “Lessons in Hygiene” by J. Johonnot and “Health for Little Folks” be adopted, as may best suit the capacities of scholars, which report was adopted.

On motion, of Mr. Round, a warrant was directed to be drawn on the County Fund, in favor of Mr. Geo. W. Nutt, trustee of the Baptist Church at Manassas for the sum of Two Dollars in payment of the occupancy of said church, sometime last fall, in giving instruction to teachers and scholars of the County in the object and use of Charts.

On Motion, of Mr. Davies, resolved to hold a teachers Institute, at Manassas, of two days session during the latter part of October, next, upon the call of the Superintendent; for interchange of ideas amongst the teachers of this County on subjects pertaining to their profession as may be brought before them. No deduction to be made teachers salaries on account of time lost in attending said institute.

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On motion, of Mr. Davies, resolved that the County Treasurer be allowed a commission of two per cent on disbursement of State funds.

On motion resolved that the interest on the Jones Legacy due on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1892 be paid to Dumfries District.

On motion, of Mr. Barbee, resolved that hereafter the County Superintendent appoint a committee of two, to examine and compare the accounts of District Clerks with the accounts of the County Treasurer, the members acting as Clerk of the Commission shall receive a compensation for his services Three Dollars per diem and the other member of the committee shall receive Two Dollars per diem for his services.

On motion, ordered that warrants be issued on the County Fund, as follows, to J. T. Leachman, Nath. House, M. K. Redding, H. Howdershell and L. A. Lynn, each \$2.00 for services in attending this meeting – to Wm. H. Brown services as Clerk \$2.00 – to J. J. Davies, J. M. Barbee and Mark Thomas, each \$8.00 services as committee in settling accounts of Treasurer and County Clerks – to the Manassas Gazette \$30.00 for publishing the business of the County and District Boards and other school business for the year ending July 31<sup>st</sup> 1892, -- to the County Superintendent \$10.00 for stationery, stamps, &c for the year ending July 31<sup>st</sup> 1892 and thirty cents for cancellation stamp directed to be purchased by this Board.

It was directed to allow the Manassas Gazette the sum of \$30.00 for publishing the official business of the Superintendent, County and District Boards for current year, and the County Superintendent, \$10.00 for Stationery, stamps &c, each to be paid out of the County fund at end of current year.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

[signed] J. B. T. Thornton  
Pres.

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1893

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held at Brentsville August 9<sup>th</sup> 1893, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson County Superintendent and Messrs.

Nath. House,        )  
Mark Thomas        )        Brentsville dist.  
J. P. Manuel         )

L. E. Jones         )  
L. A. Lynn          )        Coles         “  
S. R. Lowe          )

Wm. H. Brown        )        Gainesville   “

J. T. Leachman      )  
J. L. Payne          )        Manassas     “  
Geo. C. Round       )

and Jno. S. Powell        )        Occoquan     “

Dr. Jno. S. Powell was elected vice-president, and Wm. H. Brown clerk for the school year 1893/94

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Jones, -- Resolved that the employment of a clerk, by the committee – Messrs. Leachman and Thomas --, appointed by the County Superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the District clerks with the accounts of the County Treasurer, be endorsed and confirmed by this Board and his services paid for as provided by resolution, for the payment for the services of a clerk, at the annual meeting of 1892.

On motion of Mr. Round – Resolved that a special meeting of the County School Board be held at the March Court 1894, and annually thereafter, to receive the estimates of the District Boards, and prepare the annual estimate required for the County schools, to be laid, by the County Superintendent, before the Board of Supervisors at their first meeting thereafter.

Resolved that (1) Thanksgiving day, (2) Christmas day, (3) the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, (4) the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, (5) Easter Monday, (6) and the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July be recognized by the District Boards as legal holidays.

It was ordered that warrants be issued on the County Fund as follows, -- Geo. W. Nutt \$2.00 for use of Baptist Church neglected to have been drawn 1892. – Nath. House \$2.00 J. P. Manuel \$2.00 L. A. Lynn \$2.00 S. R. Lowe \$2.00 and J. L. Payne \$2.00 for services

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attending this meeting, -- H. M. Clarkson \$2.00 attendance on this meeting and \$10.00 Stationery. Wm. H. Brown \$2.00 Clerk of this meeting, the Manassas Gazette \$30 for publishing the business of the County and District Boards end July 31, 1893.

Resolved that the County Treasurer be allowed a commission of two (2) per cent on the disbursement of State funds for the year 1893/94

Resolved that the County Superintendent be allowed the sum of ten (10) Dollars for stationery, stamps &c, and that the Manassas Gazette be allowed the sum of Thirty (30) Dollars for publishing the official business of the County Superintendent, the County and District Boards for the year 1893/94.

There being a doubt in the minds of the Board, to what district the interest, due the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1893, on the Jones legacy, was payable – Resolved that Messrs. Leachman and Thomas be appointed a committee of two, to examine the Treasurers books and report to this Board, (at an adjourned meeting to be held at Brentsville on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the present month at 11 o'clock a.m.) to what district the interest on the Jones legacy has been paid, and their order of payment since the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1887, at which time the first interest became due.

Board adjourned to meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in this month.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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At an adjourned meeting of the County School Board held at Brentsville August 21<sup>st</sup> 1893, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson County Superintendent and

Nath. House,	)	
Mark Thomas	)	Brentsville dist.
J. P. Manuel	)	
L. E. Jones	)	
L. A. Lynn	)	Coles “
S. R. Lowe	)	
Wm. H. Brown		Gainesville “
J. T. Leachman	)	
Geo. C. Round	)	Manassas “
Dr. Jno. S. Powell		Occoquan “
F. W. Hynson and	)	
F. C. Rorabaugh	)	Town of Manassas

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Messrs. Leachman and Thomas the committee appointed at the previous meeting to examine the Treasurers books and report at this meeting to what District the interest on the “Jones Legacy” due the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1893 was payable reported as follows

“To the Board of School Trustees, Prince William County,

“In accordance with instructions your committee respectfully report, that the interest on the “Jones Legacy” was paid as follows,

Interest due Feb’y 9 <sup>th</sup>	1887 to	Coles District
“ “ “ “	1888 “	Occoquan “
“ “ “ “	1889 “	Dumfries “
“ “ “ “	1890 “	Manassas & Brentsville
“ “ “ “	1891 “	Coles District
“ “ “ “	1892 “	Occoquan “

And in future should be paid as follows

Interest due Feb’y 9 <sup>th</sup>	1893 to	Dumfries District
“ “ “ “	1894 “	Manassas & Brentsville “
“ “ “ “	1895 “	Coles “
“ “ “ “	1896 “	Occoquan “
“ “ “ “	1897 “	Dumfries “
“ “ “ “	1898 “	Manassas & Brentsville “
“ “ “ “	1899 “	Coles District
“ “ “ “	1900 “	Occoquan “ &c on



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At a called meeting of the County School Board held at Manassas on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1894, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson County Superintendent and Messrs.

J. P. Manuel	)		
Mark Thomas	)	Brentsville dist.	
L. E. Jones	)		
L. A. Lynn	)	Coles	“
Posey	)		
W. C. Williams		Dumfries	“
Geo. G. Tyler		Gainesville	“
J. T. Leachman	)		
Geo. C. Round	)	Manassas	“
Jno. S. Powell	)	Occoquan	“
Thos. Gossam	)		

In the absence of the regular clerk, Mr. Geo. G. Tyler was selected clerk pro. Tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Round, -- Resolved that the law in regard to vaccination be strictly enforced and that after January 20<sup>th</sup> 1894 no pupil shall be allowed to attend the public schools who has not been vaccinated.

On motion of Mr. Round, -- Resolved that the teachers of the several schools be required to add to their monthly report a report of the scholars who have been absent on account of the enforcement of the vaccination law, and that a school shall not be closed in consequence of not making the required average on account of the said vaccination law.

On motion of Mr. Round – Resolved that the County Superintendent be instructed to wait upon the Board of Supervisors and impress upon them the importance of some action in the matter of vaccination.

On motion of Dr. H. M. Clarkson, -- Resolved that the first motion of Mr. Round be rescinded, and that the manner of enforcing the vaccination laws be left to the different District Boards.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas, -- Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to refuse to pay any warrants drawn by the Potomac Sch. Board until he receives the amount due him by the Potomac District.

On motion of Mr. Manuel, -- Resolved that the County Superintendent be requested to confer with our representatives in the Legislature, Mr. Nicol, to ascertain if any legislation is necessary to unite the Potomac School District with the Dumfries Dist.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, President

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, clerk pro. Tem.

[From an attached newspaper clipping]

**Meeting of County School Board**

At a called meeting of the County School Board at Manassas on January 1, 1894, the following motions were unanimously passed and ordered for publication:

By Hon. Geo. C. Round—

Resolved, That the Superintendent be requested to wait upon the Board of Supervisors and impress upon them the importance of their action in the matter of vaccination.

By Mr. Round—

Resolved, That the teachers of the several schools be requested to add to their monthly report, a report of such scholars as have been absent on account of the enforcement of the vaccination law; and that no school shall be closed in consequence of the enforcement of said law.

By the Superintendent, Mr. J. T. Leachman, in the Chair, pro tem—

Resolved, That the manner of enforcing the school law in regard to vaccination be left to the direction of each District Board.

By Mr. James P. Manuel—

Resolved, That the Superintendent be requested to confer with the Honorable C E Nicol with a view to ascertaining what, if any, legislation will be necessary for uniting the Potomac and Dumfries districts under one title and management

By Mr. Mark Thomas—

Resolved, That the County Treasurer be instructed to refuse payment of any warrants which may be drawn hereafter by the Potomac District School Board, until said officer shall have received the amount due to him by that School Board.

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1894

At a called meeting of the County School Board held at Manassas Feb'y 14<sup>th</sup> 1894, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson County Superintendent and Messrs.

J. P. Manuel	)	
Mark Thomas	)	Brentsville dist.
Nath. House	)	
L. E. Jones		Coles “
W. C. Williams		Dumfries “
H. Howdershell	)	
Geo. G. Tyler	)	Gainesville “
Wm. H. Brown	)	
J. T. Leachman		Manassas “
F. W. Hynson	)	“ Town
F. C. Rorabaugh	)	

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The Superintendent called Mr. Leachman to the Chair, and stated that the object in calling this meeting was to take some action in regard to vaccination, he did not intend to object to the action taken at the last meeting, but because there is a general panic in regard to vaccination, the enforcement of those resolutions was about to close up all the schools in the County, and as there is not any small pox in the County and seems to be decreasing elsewhere he offered the following preamble and resolution which was adopted.

[From an inserted newspaper clipping]

Whereas, in view of the disappearance of small pox from the State, the necessity for carrying out the requirement of the State Superintendent of Education in regard to vaccination, as contained in his circular letter of December last, no longer exists, and

Whereas, owing to a panic among the patrons of the schools of this county concerning vaccination, (however reasonable or unreasonable this apprehension may be), further compliance with the resolution on this subject, passed by this board, at its meeting on January 1<sup>st</sup>., 1894, is calculated to impair the successful conduct of the schools, and

Whereas, Section 80 of the School Laws provides “that the operation of the clause concerning vaccination may be suspended in whole or in part by the School-board of any city or county,

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*Therefore be it Resolved*, that vaccination as a pre-requisite for attendance upon the schools of this county be for the time suspended; and furthermore, that any school, which may have been closed, in compliance with the requirement of any former action of this board be and is hereby permitted to resume its exercises.

The County Superintendent, who was appointed a committee of one to correspond with Mr. Nicol, our representative in the Legislature, in regard to what, if any, action was necessary on the part of this Board to complete the union of the Potomac School district with the Dumfries district, reported that no action was necessary. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the Treasurer to be paid out of any unappropriated County School Fund, as follows. J. T. Leachman \$4.00 – J. P. Manuel \$4.00 – Geo. G. Tyler \$4.00 attendance at County Board meeting, January 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> – F. C. Rorabaugh \$2.00 – H. Howdershell \$2.00 – Nath. House \$2.00 attendance at this meeting and Wm. H. Brown \$4.00 for acting as Clerk of this meeting and for stationery, stamps &c.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, Chairman

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, clerk

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At a meeting of the County School Board held at Manassas, March 5<sup>th</sup> 1894. There were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson County Superintendent, chairman and Messrs.

J. P. Manuel	)	
Mark Thomas	)	Brentsville dist.
Nath. House	)	
L. E. Jones	)	
L. A. Lynn	)	Coles “
W. C. Williams		Dumfries “
Geo. G. Tyler	)	Gainesville “
Wm. H. Brown	)	
J. T. Leachman	)	Manassas “
F. C. Rorabaugh	)	
F. W. Hynson	)	“ Town
Thos. E. Gossam	)	Occoquan Dist.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Resolved that the Board of Supervisors be requested to make a levy for 1894 of 10¢ on the one hundred dollars worth of real estate and personal property for County School purposes, and on the one hundred dollars worth of property for District School purposes, as follows

- |                      |     |  |
|----------------------|-----|--|
| 4. Brentsville Dist. | 5¢  |  |
| 3. Coles             | “   | 10¢  |
| 1. Dumfries          | “   | not represented – reported subsequent 10 cts. Amounting to \$435 |
| 6. Gainesville       | “   | 7½¢  |
| 5. Manassas          | “   | 2½   |
| 7. “ Town            | 7   | Levy to be made by Town Council                                  |
| 2. Occoquan Dist.    | 10¢ |  |

On motion of Mr. Jones the County Treasurer was requested to appear before this Board and state if there are any funds in the County Treasury to the credit of the late Potomac District. Upon the Treasurer’s statement, it appearing that there is an amount to the credit of the late Potomac District in the County Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Jones the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the County Fund of Dumfries District such funds as may now be in the County Treasury belonging to the late Potomac District, and to pay out the same to the said Dumfries District upon proper warrants therefor.

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The County Superintendent was requested to write to the State Superintendent asking him if possible, to suggest some relief for over crowded schools, where patrons insist upon sending pupils to certain schools, who are resident nearer other schools and also sometimes of other school districts. Section 78 of the School laws, seeming to bar the Trustees from preventing some schools from being overcrowded to the detriment of other schools.

Resolved that all the Trustees in attendance on this meeting be paid Two Dollars each, and warrants be drawn on the Treasurer payable out of any unappropriated School fund, as follows. J. T. Leachman \$2.00, F. C. Rorabaugh 2.00, J. P. Manuel 2.00, L. E. Jones 2.00, Geo. G. Tyler 2.00, Nath. House 2.00, F. W. Hynson 2.00, Mark Thomas 2.00, attendance at this meeting. Thos. E. Gossum, 4.00, and L. A. Lynn 4.00 attendance at meeting of Board Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> & Wm. H. Brown 2.00 Clerk of the Board.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, Chairman

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

[The following newspaper clipping was attached]

**PUBLIC-SCHOOL BOOKS**

The Board of Education met yesterday to consider the question of adopting school books for the ensuing four years. It was decided to continue the old list, with the exception that hereafter Webster's Dictionary will be used exclusively. Miss Smith's book on "Virginia Governors" was added to the list as a supplementary reader.

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Manassas Va. August 13<sup>th</sup> 1894

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held this day at the Court House, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson County Superintendent and Messrs.

W. C. Williams )	Dumfries Dist.
I. F. Wheat )	
Jno. S. Powell	Occoquan “
Wm. Posey, L. E. Jones, L. A. Lynn --	Coles “
Mark Thomas, Nath. House --	Brentsville “
I. T. Leachman )	
Geo. C. Round )	Manassas “
I. L. Payne and )	
Wm. H. Brown	Gainesville “

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Jno. S. Powell was elected vice President and Wm. H. Brown clerk for the school year 1894/95

The Chairman directed the clerk to read several communications from the State superintendent. The Board directed that the following letter from the State Superintendent be spread upon the minutes.

“Richmond May 28<sup>th</sup> 1894”

“Dr. H. M. Clarkson, Sup’t

“Haymarket, Pr. Wm. Co. Va.

“Dear Sir, -- Owing to press of work in connection with the organization of Summer Normals, I have had no earlier opportunity to reply to your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

In my judgment, there is no law that interferes with the right of a district board to prevent the overcrowding of Schools, especially in cases where other schools are more convenient to patrons. I believe in each case a board can insist that patrons shall patronize the School that is most convenient to them. I think the matter can be regulated in this way:

At the opening of the school, let the teacher register pupils in the territory of the school to the full capacity of the school, and then report that there is no room for other pupils unless and until some of those registered are dropped from the roll.

Another remedy may be found expedient: Let the board, in making estimate of funds needed for the coming School Year include the cost of another teacher, reporting the facts in full to the County board, and through that board to the board of Supervisors. This exhausts the power of the board and no just complaint can be made of the board.

Very truly yours

(signed) John E. Massey”

There was, also, read a letter from the State Superintendent, stating that at a meeting of the Board of Education, held March 13<sup>th</sup> 1894 “Webster’s Dictionaries” was adopted for uniform use in the Schools of the State for 4 years beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> 1894.

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Therefore resolved that in conformity with the above instructions, teachers of the schools of this County are hereby directed to require pupils hereafter purchasing dictionaries to purchase Webster's, and that teachers encourage the exchange of old Worcester's for new Webster's upon the terms published by the Board of Education.

Resolved that the County Superintendent communicate with the State Superintendent concerning the "Graphic Dictation Blanks" and if they have been adopted by the Board of Education to notify the different district boards of the fact.

A communication was presented, to the board, from the council of the Town of Manassas in regard to abolishing the "Manassas Town" district of schools. On motion of Mr. Leachman it was laid on the table.

At 12½ o'clock the Board took a recess until 1½ p.m.

Upon reassembling the committee appointed to examine and compare the accounts of the district clerks with the accounts of the County Treasurer submitted their report in writing, said report was ordered to be filed and the committee discharge.

On motion resolved that the interest on the "Jones Legacy" due on February 9<sup>th</sup> 1894 be paid, equally, to Manassas and Brentsville districts and that the interest on the same due on February 9<sup>th</sup> 1895 be paid to Coles district and that the Clerk so notify the treasurer.

Resolved that the County Treasurer be allowed a commission of two (2) per cent on the disbursement of the State Fund.

Resolved that the Manassas Gazette be allowed the sum of ten (10) Dollars for publishing the official business of the County Superintendent of schools for the school year 1894/95 to be paid at the end of the school year.

Resolved that County Superintendent be allowed the sum of fifteen (15) Dollars for postage and stationery for the school year 1894/95 payable at the end of school year.

Resolved that the clerk issue a warrant to Westwood Hutchison for the sum of fifty-two (52) Dollars to be paid out of any unappropriated County School Fund, to cover expenses as follows.

Wm. Posey 4.00 attendance of board meetings January 1<sup>st</sup> and this meeting.

I. L. Payne 2.00 Nath. House 2.00, L.A. Lynn 2.00, J. F. Wheat 2.00 attendance on this meeting

J. T. Leachman 8.00, Mark Thomas 8.00, J. E. Herrell, clerk 12.00 settling books of County Treasurer and district clerks.

H. M. Clarkson 10.00 postage and stationery for school year 1893/94

Wm. H. Brown 2.00 Clerk of board, total \$52.00 and to Manassas Gazette for \$30.00 for publishing the official business of County Supt., County and District boards for school year 1893/94.

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To Chas R. Penn 2.00 cleaning up school house at Manassas and attendance of 4 days meeting for teachers examinations.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, Chairman

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

[The following was attached]

To the Board School Trustees Prince William Co.

In accordance with instructions your committee respectfully report That the interest on the "Jones Legacy" was paid as follows.

Interest due Feby 9<sup>th</sup> 1887 to Coles District

"	"	"	"	1888	"	Occoquan	"
"	"	"	"	1889	"	Dumfries	"
"	"	"	"	1890	"	Manassas & Brentsville	"
"	"	"	"	1891	"	Coles Dist	"
"	"	"	"	1892	"	Occoquan	"

And in future should be paid as follows

Int due Feby 9 1893 to Dumfries "

"	"	"	"	1894	"	Man & Brents	"
"	"	"	"	1895	"	Coles	"
"	"	"	"	1896	"	Occoquan	"
"	"	"	"	1897	"	Dumfries	"
"	"	"	"	1898	"	Man & Br.	"
"	"	"	"	1899	"	Coles	"
"	"	"	"	1900	"	Occoquan	"
"	"	"	"	1901	"	Dumfries	"
"	"	"	"	1902	"	Man & Br.	"
"	"	"	"	1903	"	Coles	"
"	"	"	"	1904	"	Occoquan	"
"	"	"	"	1905	"	Dumfries	"
"	"	"	"	1906	"	Man & Br.	"
"	"	"	"	1907	"	Coles	"

Respectfully submitted

[signed] J. E. Herrell  
Clerk

[signed] J. T. Leachman ) Committee  
[signed] Mark Thomas )

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At a called meeting of the School Board of Prince William County on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1895, there were present

Dr. H. M. Clarkson		Co. Superintendent
Peyton Manuel	of	Brentsville Dist.
 L. E. Jones        )		 Coles            “
L. A. Lynn         )		
 F. C. Rorabaugh   )		 Manassas Town
F. W. Hynson     )		
 S. B. Stonnell		 Dumfries Dist.
 H. Howdershell   )		 Gainesville   “
Geo. G. Tyler     )		

In the absence of the Clerk -- Mr. W. H. Brown -- Geo. G. Tyler was elected to act in his stead for this meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The object of the meeting was then explained by Dr. Clarkson, it being to ascertain the amt of County and Dist. Levies necessary for the ensuing school year.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved that the Board of Supervisors be requested to make a levy for the year 1895 of Ten Cents (10 cts) on the one hundred dollars worth of real estate and personal property, and on the one hundred dollars worth of property for Dist. School purposes as follows

Brentsville Dist	
Coles           “	10¢
Dumfries	
Gainesville	7½¢
Manassas	
“   Town	5¢
Occoquan	

Recognizing the zealous efforts of the Virginia School Journal in the cause of education, and in especially championing the interest of the public school teachers; -- Resolved that this Board most cordially endorses it as the official organ of the State Board of Education, and earnestly recommends it to the support of the teachers of Prince William, respectfully suggesting, that they send in their subscriptions through the County Superintendent, who has been authorized to receive and transmit the same.

On motion of Mr. Manuel -- Resolved that the trustees in attendance on this meeting be paid Two Dollars (\$2.00) each for their attendance.

Warrants of Two Dollars each were issued to the following trustees, -- Peyton Manuel, S. B. Stonnell, L. E. Jones, L. A. Lynn, F. C. Rorabaugh, F. W. Hynson, H.

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Howdershell and Geo. G. Tyler. A warrant of Two Dollars was also issued to Geo. G. Tyler, for serving as clerk of this meeting.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Clerk pro tem

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

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Manassas, Va. August 12<sup>th</sup> 1895

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held on this day at the Court House there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, County Superintendent and Messrs.

W. C. Williams	)	Dumfries Dist.	No. 1
Richard F. Merchant	)		
 John S. Powell		 Occoquan	 “ “ 2
Wm. Posey	)		
L. E. Jones	)	Colds	“ “ 3
Saml. R. Lowe	)		
 Nathaniel House	)		
Mark Thomas	)	Brentsville	“ “ 4
Peyton Manuel	)		
 Geo. C. Round	)		
J. T. Leachman	)	Manassas	“ “ 5
J. L. Payne	)		
 Wm. H. Brown		 Gainesville	 “ “ 6
F. W. Hynson	)		
T. C. Rorabaugh	)	Manassas Town	“ 7

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Jno. S. Powell was elected vice President, and Wm. H. Brown Clerk for the school year 1895/96.

Resolved that the report of the committee – Messrs. Leachman and Thomas, -- appointed by the County Superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the County Treasurer and the district Clerks, be accepted and the committee discharged.

Resolved that the Board of Supervisors be requested to make a levy of 10¢ on the \$100 worth of property for county school purposes, and as follows for District School purposes.

Dumfries	10¢	on the	\$100--	worth of	property	
Occoquan	10¢	“	“	“	“	“
Coles	10¢	“	“	“	“	“
Brentsville	5¢	“	“	“	“	“
Manassas	5¢	“	“	“	“	“
Gainesville	5¢	“	“	“	“	“
Manassas Town						

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Resolved that the County Treasurer be allowed a commission of 2% on the disbursement of the State Funds.

Resolved that the County Superintendent be allowed \$15.00 for postage and stationery, to be paid at the end of the School year 1895/96.

Resolved that the two news papers published at Manassas be requested to make bids for publishing the official notices of the County Superintendent, County School Board, and district boards from this date until the next annual meeting of the County Board, the same to be sent to the County Superintendent, who is hereby authorized to accept the lower bid.

Resolved that in consideration of the additional work required to be done in taking the School census the district clerks be and are hereby allowed a compensation of 5¢ per capita.

Resolved that the interest on the “Jones” legacy, due on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1896 is due and to be paid to Occoquan district, and that the clerk notify the Treasurer.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Treasurer to be paid out of any unappointed County School funds, Nath. House \$2.00 attending this meeting, Payton Manuel \$2.00, John L. Payne \$2.00, Wm. Posey \$2.00, Saml. R. Lowe \$2.00, R. F. Merchant \$2.00, F. C. Rorabaugh \$2.00, attending this meeting, J. T. Leachman \$10.00 attending this meeting and settling with County Treasurer, Mark Thomas \$8.00 settling with County Treasurer, Wm. H. Brown \$2.00 Clerk of County Sc’h Board, H. M. Clarkson \$15.00 stationery, postage &c for school year 1894/95. Manassas Gazette \$13.39 a/c printing to date. J. E. Herrell \$12.00 clerk in settling with County Treasurer, Manassas Journal \$3.75 a/c printing. Robert Penn \$2.00 cleaning up room and four days services on teachers examinations.

Resolved that the County Board hereby express their approval of the proposition to organize a County Educational Association and that the teachers and trustees of the County are hereby requested to cooperate with the objects of said Association.

Resolved that Wm. H. Brown be appointed a committee of one to consult with the County Treasurer, the Supervisors, and County Judge to see if some arrangement can not be made, whereby the County Treasurer may be enabled to furnish the district clerks with the amount of the District Fund due, by the 15 of July of each year.

On motion the Board adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, Chairman

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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[The following clipping was attached to these minutes.]

**Public-School Question.**

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Has the County School Board the authority to order the patrons of the public free schools to have their children vaccinated or stop school?

Please answer and oblige several subscribers. EPPA.

Section 80 of school laws (1496 of the Code of 1887) provides that \* \* \* \*

“Persons suffering with contagious diseases shall be excluded from the public free schools while in that condition, and the teachers shall require of the pupils cleanliness of person; \* \* \* and no pupils shall be admitted unless they have been vaccinated; provided, that the operation of this clause concerning vaccination may be suspended in whole or in part by the school board of any city or county.”

Section 1733 of the Code of 1887, provides that “The Council of any city or town, and the Board of Supervisors of any county, when in their judgment occasion requires, may cause persons residing within the limits of such city, town, or county to be vaccinated with genuine vaccine matter; and the Council of any city or town may enforce obedience to its ordinance by fixing fines and penalties for the violation of said ordinance. Should any person, including children, who attend the public schools, be unable to pay for vaccination such person shall be vaccinated with genuine vaccine matter at the cost and expense of the city, town, or county, and provision shall be made therefor by the Council of the city or town or by the Board of Supervisors of the county.”

WINDSOR, VA.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

1. Please state in your next issue what is the minimum average of pupils required in the public schools under the present laws of Virginia?

Has the board of any county authority to change the average from that required by the State law? “CIVIS.”

POINT LICK, VA

2. Where can I secure a copy of the public school law of Virginia, and what will it cost? By answering the above through the columns of your paper you will greatly oblige a subscriber. J. A. R.

1. Apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richmond, for information as to the law concerning the average attendance.

2. A copy of the school law can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

ANDERSONVILLE, VA.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

1. Can a District Board borrow money (to build and supply a school-house) on one, two, and three years time at 6 per cent interest?

2. Can a school be run with less than ten pupils average attendance per month?

TRUSTEE.

1. Under the general law, specific authority to borrow money for school purposes is not conferred upon district school boards. Special acts of the General Assembly have from time to time been passed authorizing certain district boards to borrow money.

2. No.

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Manassas, Va. August 15, 1896

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held on this day at the Court House, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, County Superintendent and Messrs.

J. F. Wheat	)	Dumfries district
W. C. Williams	)	
 S. B. Stonnell	 )	 Occoquan “
L. H. Lynn	)	
 Wm. Posey	 )	 Coles “
S. R. Lowe	)	
 Mark Thomas	 )	 Brentsville “
Nathaniel House	)	
James P. Manuel	)	
 Geo. C. Round	 )	 Manassas “
J. T. Leachman	)	
Jno. L. Payne	)	
 Edward Wilson and	 )	 Gainesville “
Wm. H. Brown	)	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Geo. C. Round was elected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown, Clerk of this Board for the current year.

Resolved that the report of Messrs. Leachman and Thomas, the committee appointed by the County Superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the County Treasurer and district clerks be accepted, and the committee discharged.

Resolved that the Board of Supervisors be requested to make a levy of 10¢ on the \$100 worth of property for county school purposes, and for district purposes, as follows,

Dumfries district	10¢
Occoquan “	10¢
Coles “	10¢
Brentsville “	10¢
Manassas “	5¢
Gainesville “	10¢

Resolved that the County Treasurer be allowed a commission of 2 per cent on the disbursement of the State School funds, ‘96/97.

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Resolved that the sum of \$15.00 be appropriated to the County Superintendent for postage and stationery, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved that the sum of \$30.00 be appropriated to the Manassas Journal, for publishing the official business of the County and district school boards, for the current year, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved that the County Superintendent is hereby authorized to destroy all County Warrants drawn prior to 1894/95.

Resolved that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to Dumfries district, the interest on the Jones legacy, due on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1897.

Resolved that the County School Board, hereby express their gratification at the organization of a County Educational Association, and recommend that all teachers, school officers and friends of Education, co-operate in its praiseworthy efforts.

Resolved that the County School Board of Prince William County, invite the State Board of Education to arrange for the holding of one of the summer Normal Schools at Manassas, during the year 1897. And the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the State Board of Public Instruction.

Resolved that the County Superintendent of schools in hereby authorized, in his discretion, to expend a sum of money not to exceed \$10.00 in paying the Expenses of the County Educational Association; provided after correspondence with the State Superintendent of Public instruction, he is satisfied that said Expenditures is legal and proper.

Resolved that it is the opinion of the County Board, that in the employment of teachers preference should be given, other things being Equal, to residents of the respective districts and of the County and recommend the same to the consideration of the District Boards.

Upon the report of Messrs. Stonnell, Round and Manuel, who was appointed a committee to report resolutions of respect to the memory of Thomas E. Gossom, deceased, it was resolved that the County School Board, having learned of the death of Thomas E. Gossom, late a member of this Board, hereby express their sorrow at the loss which this Board and the County have sustained in the death of so worthy a citizen and direct the Clerk to spread this memorandum on the minutes and send a copy of the resolution to the family as an expression of their sympathy.

Warrants, as follows, were directed to be drawn on the County Treasurer, payable out of any unappropriated County School fund.

J. T. Wheat,	attendance	annual	meeting	\$ 2.00
S. B. Stonnell	“	“	“	2.00
L. A. Lynn	“	“	“	2.00

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Wm. Posey	“	“	“	2.00
Nath. House	“	“	“	2.00
Jas. P. Manuel	“	“	“	2.00
Jno. L. Payne	“	“	“	2.00
Edward Wilson	“	“	“	2.00
Mark Thomas,	settling with Co. Treasurer			8.00
Jno. T. Leachman,	settling with Co. Treas. & attendance			10.00
Jas. E. Herrell,	clerk of Comm. Settling Co. Treas &c			12.00
Geo. C. Round,	sund. furn. Teachers' Examination			3.00
H. M. Clarkson,	stamps, stationery &c 1895/96			15.00
Wm. H. Brown,	Clerk of Co. School Board			2.00
Manassas Journal,	printing 1895/96			14.754
Board adjourned.				

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, Chairman

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

[The following clipping was attached to these minutes.]

**TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.**

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**(PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.)**

In accordance with Regulation 45 of the Board of Education, I hereby notify the teachers of the public schools, that the District Board of the county have designated the following dates, as HOLIDAYS, during the current scholastic year:

Nov. 26, 1896, Thanksgiving Day.

Dec. 25, 1896, Christmas Day.

Jan. 19, 1897, Gen. R. E. Lee's Birthday.

Feb. 22, 1897, Washington's Birthday.

April 19, 1897, Easter Monday.

July 4, 1897, Independence Day.

H. M. Clarkson  
Superintendent.

Haymarket, Va., Oct. 28, 1896.

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Manassas, Va. March 1, 1897

At a called meeting of the County School Board held this day there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, County Superintendent, chairman and Messrs.

Jno. S. Powell	Occoquan dist.
Saml. R. Lowe	Coles “
W. W. Kincheloe, Nath. House,	Brentsville “

Geo C. Round, J. L. Payne	)	
J. T. Leachman	)	Manassas “

H. Howdershell & Wm. H. Brown	Gainesville “
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The County Superintendent stated that this meeting had been called at the instance of the State Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Round it was resolved to reconsider the County and District levies, made at the annual meeting in August last.

Mr. Round moved that the Board of Supervisors be requested to make a levy of 7½¢ on the \$100 worth of property for County School purposes. Motion lost by a vote of 3 ayes to 5 noes.

After a complete report from the districts, as to the amount of expenditures necessary for the School year it was resolved that the Board of Supervisors be requested to make a levy of 10¢ on the \$100 worth of property for County School purposes, and for district purposes, as follows

Dumfries district	10¢ on the \$100 worth of prop.
Occoquan “	10¢ “ “ “ “ “ “
Coles “	10¢ “ “ “ “ “ “
Brentsville “	5¢ “ “ “ “ “ “
Manassas “	10¢ “ “ “ “ “ “
Gainesville “	7½¢ “ “ “ “ “ “

The Superintendent reported that he had written to the State Superintendent, as requested by this board, at its last meeting, in regard to the legality of expending a sum, not exceeding \$10.00, toward paying the expenses of the County Educational Association; to which the State Superintendent had replied, that he thought the law would not allow an expenditure of money for that purpose, nor would the law permit a legal holiday to teachers attending the meetings of the Association.

On motion of Mr. Round, resolved that the district clerks be admonished to make their annual reports in strict conformity to law.

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On motion of Mr. Round, resolved that the County Superintendent appoint a committee of 3 trustees to wait upon the Board of Supervisors and request that Board to unite with the County School Board in procuring a correct map of Prince William County.

Resolved, -- Mr. Lowe acting Chairman, -- that the County School Board recommend to the State Board of Education that our efficient County Superintendent of Schools; be reappointed, and the Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to the State Board of Education.

The County Treasurer explained that the Grandstaff Fund, was a distribution of County levies for State taxes, and the Literary Fund was derived from interest on bonds, from fines &c and that the Literary Fund was always the first in hand, and then for it is desirable for clerks to draw upon the Literary Fund first.

Warrants were drawn on the County Fund as follows. Jno T. Leachman \$2.00, H. Howdershell \$2.00, Nath. House \$2.00, S. R. Lowe \$2.00, W. W. Kincheloe \$2.00, Geo. C. Round \$2.00, Jno L. Payne \$2.00 for attendance on this meeting and Wm. H. Brown \$2.00 acting as clerk of the Board.

The Superintendent read a letter from H. C. N. Randolph, Rector of the University of Virginia thanking the public school children of Prince William County for their contribution of \$6.76 to aid in rebuilding the University.

Board adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, Chairman

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. August 9, 1897

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held this day, at the Court House, there were present, Dr. H. M. Clarkson County Superintendent and Messrs.

W. C. Williams	)	Dumfries Dist.	
Jno. S. Powell	)	Occoquan	“
W. C. Perry	)	Coles	“
S. R. Lowe	)		
Wm. Posey	)		
W. W. Kincheloe	)	Brentsville	“
Nath. House	)		
Wm. T. Allen	)		
Jno. L. Payne	)	Manassas	“
Geo. C. Round	)		and
Wm. H. Brown	)	Gainesville	“

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Jno S. Powell was elected vice president and Wm. H. Born Clerk for the ensuing year.

Some of the District clerks not having been able to present their books to the committee, (Messrs. Leachman & Brown) appointed by the County Superintendent to examine and compare the accs of the district clerks and county treasurer, said committee was continued until settlement of accs could be made.

Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors be requested to make a levy of 10¢ on the \$100 worth of property for County School purposes and for District School purposes, as follows

Dumfries dist	10¢
Occoquan “	10¢
Coles “	10¢
Brentsville “	not ready to report
Manassas “	10¢
Gainesville “	5¢

Resolved, that the County treasurer be allowed a commission of 2 % on the disbursement of the State School; funds for 1897/98.

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Resolved, that the sum of \$15.00 be appropriated for the use of the County Superintendent for stationery and stamps to be paid at the end of the school year.

Resolved, that the sum of \$30.00 be appropriated to the Manassas Journal for publishing the official business of the County and District boards for ensuing school year, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, that the County treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to Manassas and Brentsville districts the interest on the Jones legacy, due on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1898.

On motion of Mr. Round, Messrs. Moran and Ruffner were requested to address the Board on the subject of text books in use in the Schools. These gentlemen appeared before the Board and spoke in favor of substituting in this county, Shinn's history of U.S. instead of Holmen history now in use, and Maxwell's grammar instead of Harvey's, they stated that both books are on the list allowed by the Board of Education. Mr. Ruffner also stated that Harvey's grammars was condemned by the State Normals held at Farmville and at Williamsburg.

On motion of Dr. Powell, the Superintendent was requested to appoint a committee of three to meet during the recess of the Board to examine the books referred to and report upon the expediency of a change. Dr. Clarkson appointed Messrs. Powell, Round & Brown, and on motion the Superintendent was added to the Committee.

At 12 m the Board adjourned to meet at 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>20</sub>"

Upon the reassembling of the Board Dr. Powell reported that the committee appointed to meet during recess, had held a meeting and begged to report, that owing to the limited time given for consultation, they had not had sufficient opportunity to examine the text books to justify them in making a report and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the matter. The committee was discharged.

On motion of Mr. Round, it was resolved, that in the Schools of this County Maxwell's grammar be substituted for Harvey's, subject to the regulations of the Board of Education. The vote being, those in favor of the motion, Messrs. Powell, Perry, Lowe, Kincheloe, House, Payne, Brown, Round and Posey. Opposed none.

On motion of Mr. Round it was resolved, that in the Schools of this County, Shinn's history of the U. S. be substituted, under regulations as provided by the Board of Education, for Holmes history of U.S. Those in favor of the motion were Messrs. Powell, Perry, Posey, Lowe, Kincheloe, House, Round, Payne & Brown, opposed, none.

Resolved, That Wm. H. Brown is hereby authorized to compile a map of Prince Wm. County, for which, when completed, there shall be appropriated the sum of \$50.00 by the County School Board.

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Warrants were drawn on the County Fund as follows. H. C. Perry \$2.00, Wm. Posey \$2.00, Nath. House \$2.00, Wm. T. Allen \$2.00, Jno. L. Payne \$2.00 for attendance at annual meeting, Wm. H. Brown \$8.00 (Clerk of annual meeting 2.00, settling with County Treasurer 6.00), H. M. Clarkson \$15.00 Stationery and postage, Geo. C. Round, Jr. \$2.75 services at County School Examination and for ice, James E. Herrell \$12.00 services settling with Co. Treasurer & district clerks. Manassas Journal \$30.00 publishing school business 1896/97. Board adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, Chairman

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk



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Resolved, that the sum of \$30.00 be appropriated for the Manassas Journal, for publishing the official business of the County and District Boards for the current school year, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, that Mr. Geo. C. Round is hereby appointed a committee to examine the will, and fully investigate the conditions of the “Jones Legacy” and to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved, that the County treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to Coles District the interest received from the “Jones Legacy”, when due, on Feb y 9, 1899.

The committee, J. T. Leachman and Wm. H. Brown, appointed by the County superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the District Clerks and County Treasurer, made their report, which was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Brown moved that a committee of 3 trustees be appointed, by the President of the Board, to examine and report, at a called meeting of the Board, what text books shall be adopted by the public schools of Prince William County, for the ensuing four years, in accordance with the list adopted by the Board of Education, July 30, 1898.

Dr. Clarkson moved to amend, by the addition of 3 teachers or ex-teachers to the committee. The amendment was adopted; all present, except Mr. Brown, voting in favor of it.

The resolution as amended was then adopted and the president appointed the following as the committee; on the part of the trustees I. F. Wheat, Geo. C. Round and Wm. H. Brown and to represent the teachers, R. Triplett, W. H. W. Moran and Chas. E. Ruffner.

On motion of Wm. H. Brown the County Superintendent was added to the committee.

Mr. Brawner, representing the B. F. Johnson Pub. Co. of Richmond, Va., being present, kindly offered to furnish copies of their publications to each member of the committee, which offer was accepted and it was

Resolved, that the thanks of this Board be tendered the B. F. Johnson Pub. Co. for their offer.

On motion of Mr. Leachman; resolved, that the committee on text-books shall be allowed compensation, for their services,. At the rate of \$2.00 a day, while in session; but that no member shall receive more than \$3.00 compensation as a member of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Round; resolved, that the committee on text-books shall meet in the Court house, at Manassas, at 9 a.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of Sept. and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to notify publishing houses interested, that this Board request

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copies of their publications be sent members of the text-book committee. And that such disposition shall be made of copies sent, as publishers may direct.

Resolved, that the County Supt. is requested, to call a meeting of this Board, as soon as the committee on text-books shall be ready to make a report.

Resolved, that the County School Board requests our delegate to the Legislature to have enacted, by the Legislature, a law enabling the County School Board to pay the County Supt. and clerks of the district Boards for their attendance on the meetings of the County Board, the same compensation as is paid the other trustees for such attendance.

[The following memorandum was attached at this point.]

To the County School Board of Prince Wm. Co.

We the undersigned members of your committee appointed to examine into the merits of the text-books on the list adopted by the State Board of Education, respectfully recommend for use in the Schools of Prince William The following books.

1<sup>st</sup> Werner's Primer. The vote unanimous & by request  
[unreadable word] as follows:

Clarkson  
Brown  
Wheat  
Ruffner  
Triplett  
Round

2 Glass's Old Dominion Spelling, Committee unanimous

3 Johnson's Series Reader " "

4 Colburn's Arithmetic " "

5 Venable's New Practical Arithmetic " "

6 Hyde's Grammar's " "

7 Massey's Geographus, for Clarkson

Brown

Wheat

8 Frye's Geographus, for Round

Ruffner

Triplett

Wm Triplett voting by letter not present

9 Magill's Va. History Committee unanimous for adoption

10 Montgomery primary one vote Wm. Ruffner

11 Lee's Primary 3 " Wheat, Clarkson, Brown

11 Lee's Brief Clarkson, Brown Ruffner

11 " " Triplett voting, not present

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- 12 Our Country 1 vote Geo. C. Round  
13 Fiske's History 8<sup>th</sup> High grade 1 vote Wm. Triplett not  
Present  
14 Lee's Advanced History 2 vote Brown, Clarkson  
15 J Wm. Jones History one vote J. F. Wheat

Copy Books

- 16 Smithdeal's Slant Committee unanimous  
17 Heath and Co. Venticle writing 4 votes Clarkson  
Wheat  
Round  
Ruffner  
18 Cutters Physiologies Committee for adoption,  
Unanimous  
19 Webster's Dictionary 1 vote Wm. Round  
20 Worcester's Dictionary 5 vote Clarkson  
Brown  
Wheat  
Ruffner

Voting but not present Triplett

- 21 Meservey's Book Keeping 2 votes Clarkson & Wheat  
Thompson New House in Drawing Committee unanimous  
Riverside Literature Series, 4 votes Clarkson  
(Pub = Honyhton Mifflin and Co.) Ruffner  
Wheat  
Round

- Teachers Virginia Register Committee unanimous

The Secretary desires to State in justice to Wm. Ruffner that soon after adjournment of the Committee, Wm. Ruffner requested the Sec. to Strike his(Wm. Ruffner) name from the record as voting on Georgraphus. This request was made before this report was signed by the Committee

Respectfully Submitted  
[signed] J. T. Wheat. Sec' of  
The Committee

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[The normal minutes resumed at this point]

Resolved, that [paper torn] days shall be observed as legal holidays by the schools of this county.

Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day  
January 19<sup>th</sup>  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Easter Monday           and  
The 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Resolved, that Mr. J. T. Leachman is hereby appointed, to have destroyed all warrants drawn on the County Treasurer, by the district clerks, having date previous to August 1896.

Resolved, that warrants, as follows, be drawn on County Treasurer, payable out of the County Fund. Manassas Journal \$30—a/c printing 1897/8; M. C. Crouch \$2.00, attending meeting of Sch. Bd., -- Wm. Posey \$2.00, -- H. C. Perry \$2.00, -- Nath. House \$2.00, -- Jno L. Payne \$2.00, attending meeting of School Board. J. T. Leachman \$8.00 settling a/cs of District Clerks and County Treasurer, and attending meeting of Board. – Wm. H. Brown \$6.00 settling a/cs District Clerks & County Treasurer, James E. Herrell \$12.00 as clerk in settling a/cs District Clerks and County Treasurer. – H. M. Clarkson, \$15.00 stationery & stamps 1897/8. Geo C. Round Jr. \$3.00 4 days serv. attending County Examination of teachers and for ice.

Board adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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1898

Manassas, Va. Sept. 24, 1898

At a called meeting of the County School Board held this day for the purpose of adopting the books to be used in the public schools of Prince William County for the ensuing four years there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson County Superintendent, presiding

J. T. Wheat	)	Dumfries Dist.
J. R. Atkinson	)	
 Jno. S. Powell	 )	 Occoquan “
S. B. Stonnell	)	
M. C. Crouch	)	
 S. R. Lowe	 )	 Coles “
Wm. Posey	)	
H. C. Perry	)	
 W. W. Kincheloe	 )	 Brentsville “
N. House	)	
W. T. Allen	)	
 Geo. C. Round	 )	 Manassas “
J. T. Leachman	)	
Jno. L. Payne	)	
 Edward Wilson and	 )	 Gainesville “
Wm. H. Brown	)	

Trustees.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. J. F. Wheat, clerk of the text-book committee submitted a report of that committee, which was received and the committee discharged. Mr. R. Triplett of the text-book committee, necessarily, being absent from the meeting of the committee, his vote was recorded upon his written report to the chairman of the committee. Mr. W. H. W. Moran, of the text-book committee, not present, his resignation from that committee having been presented at the opening of the meeting and accepted by the committee. The vote of the text-book committee upon the adoption of the books to be used for the ensuing four years was as follows.

Werner’s Primer	unanimous
Glass’s Old Dominion Spelling Blanks,	unanimous
Johnson’s series of Readers,	unanimous
Warren Colburn’s Arithmetic,	unanimous
Venable’s Arithmetics,	unanimous

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Hyde's Grammars,	unanimous
Massey's Geographies,	Clarkson, Brown & Wheat
Frye's " "	Round, Ruffner, & Triplett
Magill's History of Virginia,	unanimous
" Primary,	R. Triplett
Montgomery's Amer. History,	Ruffner
Lee's Primary History of U.S.	Wheat, Clarkson and Brown
Lee's Brief History of U.S.,	Clarkson, Brown, Ruffner and Triplett
Our Country,	S. C. Round
Fiske's History of U.S.	R. Triplett for advanced Scholars
Lee's Advanced History U.S.	Brown & Clarkson
Jones's School " "	J. T. Wheat
Smithdeal's Slant Copy Books,	unanimous
Natural System of Vertical Writing	Clarkson, Wheat, Round and Ruffner
Cutter's Physiologies	unanimous
Webster's Dictionaries,	Geo. C. Round
Worcester's " "	Clarkson, Brown, Wheat, Ruffner and Triplett
Meservey's Book-keeping,	Clarkson & Wheat
Thompson's New Short Course in Drawing	unanimous
Riverside Literature Series,	Clarkson, Ruffner, Wheat & Round
Teacher's Register for Virginia Pub. Schools	Unanimous

After the report of the text-book committee was received, it was resolved that the vote on the books to be adopted be taken sesiatim.

Considerable time was allowed advocates to present the merits of different books, when it was

Resolved, that if any trustee present, desires to leave before a vote shall be taken on any or all of the books to be presented for adoption, said member shall be allowed to file a ballot, which shall be accepted as if he was present and voting.

At 12.30 p.m. the Board adjourned until 2 p.m.

Upon reassembling, the Board proceeded to vote upon the books to be adopted by the County of Prince William from the list adopted by the Board of Education.

Adopted	Johnson's Primer –	Atkinson, Stonnell, Crouch, Lowe, Perry, Posey, House, Allen, Leachman & Payne – 10
Rejected	Werner's Primer --	Wheat, Round, Wilson, Brown & Clarkson – 5
Adopted	Merrill's speller --	Unanimous
"	Glass's Old Dominion Spelling Blanks -	"
"	Johnson's series of readers,	"
"	Warren Colburn's Intellectual Arithmetic,	"
"	Venable's New Elementary " "	"

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	“	“	“	Practical	“	“
	“	Hyde’s	Prac.	Lessons in the Use of English,		“
	“	“	“	English Grammer,		“
	“	Whitney & Lockwood’s	Eng.	“		“
Rejected		Frye’s	Elements of	Geography,		Round
“	“	Complete	“			Round
Adopted		Maury’s	Elementary	“	Wheat, Atkinson, Stonnell, Crouch, Lowe, Posey, Perry, Kincheloe, House, Allen, Leachman, Payne, Brown, Wilson & Clarkson – 15	
	“	Maury’s	Manual of	Geography,	Wheat, Atkinson, Stonnell, Crouch, Lowe, Posey, Perry, Kincheloe, House, Allen, Leachman, Payne, Brown, Wilson, & Clarkson – 15	
	“	Magill’s	History of	Virginia,		Unanimous
Rejected		Our	Country	(History of U.S.)	Round & Leachman – 2	
Adopted		Lee’s	Primary	History of U.S.	Wheat, Atkinson, Stonnell, Crouch, Perry, Kincheloe, house, Allen, Leachman, Brown, Wilson & Clarkson – 12	
Rejected		Lee’s	Brief	History of U.S.	Kincheloe, House, Brown, Wilson and Clarkson -- 5	
Adopted		Jones’s	School	History of U.S.	Wheat, Atkinson, Powell, Stonnell, Crouch, Lowe, Posey, Perry, Allen and Payne – 10	
Adopted		Natural	System of	Vert. Writing,		Unanimous
“		Smithdeal’s	Slant	Copy Books		“
“		Cutter’s	Beginners	Physiology,		“
“	“	Intermediate	“			“
“	“	Comprehensive	“			“
“		Paul Bert’s	1 <sup>st</sup>	steps in	Scientific Knowledge,	“
Rejected		Webster’s	Dictionaries,		Round and Payne – 2	
Adopted		Worcester’s	“	Wheat, Atkinson, Stonnell, Crouch, Lowe, Posey, Perry, Kincheloe, House, Allen, Leachman, Brown, Wilson and Clarkson - 14		
	“	Thompson’s	New	Short Course	in Drawing	Unanimous
	“	Riverside	Literature	Series,		“
	“	Teacher’s	Register	for Va. Pub. Schools		“

The County Superintendent was directed to contract with W. H. W. Moran, for 150 copies of circular letters containing a list of the books adopted by this Board, also the retail and exchange prices to pupils, for use of teachers and trustees.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund, as follows: S. B. Stonnell \$2.00 attendance on this meeting, E. R. Atkinson \$2.00 attendance, M. C. Crouch \$2.00

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attendance, S. R. Lowe \$2.00 attendance, Wm. Posey \$2.00 attendance, H. C. Perry \$2.00 attendance, W. W. Kincheloe \$2.00 attendance, Nath. House \$2.00 attendance, W. T. Allen \$2.00 attendance, J. T. Leachman \$2.00 attendance, Jno L. Payne \$2.00 attendance, Ed. Wilson \$2.00 attendance, Jno. S. Powell \$2.00 attendance, Chas. H. Ruffner \$2.00 and R. Triplett \$2.00 services on text-book committee. J. F. Wheat \$4.00, Geo C. Round \$4.00 H. M. Clarkson \$4.00 Services on Text-book committee and attendance on this meeting. Wm. H. Brown \$5.00 stationery and stamps for text-book committee, services on text-book committee, and attendance on this meeting.

Board adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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1899

Manassas, Va. Dec. 15, 1899.

At a called meeting of the County School Board held this day, at the Court House,  
there were present

Dr. H. M. Clarkson,	)	County Supt.
S. B. Stonnell	)	Occoquan Dist.
W. C. Crouch	)	
S. R. Lowe	)	Coles “
Wm. Posey	)	
W. W. Kincheloe	)	Brentsville “
W. T. Allen	)	
Nath. House	)	
J. T. Leachman	)	Manassas “
Geo. C. Round	)	
Jno. L. Payne	)	
Edward Wilson and	)	Gainesville “
Wm. H. Brown	)	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Messrs. Hutchison and Herrell made a statement, explaining the cause of the error,  
made in settlement of the accounts of the District Boards and County Treasurer.

Mr. Hutchison, late Treasurer, asked for the appointment of a committee to further  
examine his accounts in relation to some errors supposed to have been made, and on  
motion, Messrs. Kincheloe, Leachman and Brown were appointed on said committee,  
and it was ordered that said committee be paid Two (2) Dollars, each, for their services.

Mr. Round asked for information concerning the history of the Jones Legacy to the  
Schools of Dettingen Parish, and it appearing that but little was known concerning the  
same, on motion, Mr. Round was appointed a committee of one to investigate the history  
of the legacy and report at the next meeting of the Board: so that, if possible, this  
beneficent act may be recorded upon the minutes of this Board.

The President stated that the main object in calling this meeting was to take into  
consideration and if considered advisable, to obtain authority from this Board to enable  
the Ruffner school at Manassas to teach the higher branches. Letters were read from Supt.

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Marshall, of Fauquier Co., stating that the English branches, Latin and French were taught in the public school of Warrenton: also letters from others to the same effect as regards, Leesburg, Culpeper and Falls Church.

On motion of Mr. Round, it was resolved that the Manassas School Board be authorized to avail itself of sections 1498, 1499 and 1500 of the Code during the present School session.

And on motion of Mr. Wilson, it was further resolved, that a committee of 5 be appointed – 3 of whom shall be members of this Board, and 2 not, who shall formulate a plan for the teaching of higher branches at the Ruffner School, than are now taught in the Public Schools of the County. – not more than one of the said committee shall be from the town of Manassas nor more than one from any district. This committee to make their report at the next meeting of this Board. The president of the Board appointed the following gentlemen upon the committee, Messrs. Edward Wilson, J. T. Wheat, W. W. Kincheloe, Westwood Hutchison and S. M. Janney.

The Manassas Board made the following report.

“To the County School Board: -- The Manassas School Trustees beg to report, that sometime since the principal of Ruffner School, No. 1, began securing donations of books for a Public library, and on the solicitations of Mr. Morau, Editor of the Southern Magazine and other citizens, the District Board arranged to have a third story put on the new Ruffner School Building, for the accommodation of the library. About that time, the clerk of the Board received a proposition from Mr. Andrew Carnegie to send the Library \$1000.00 worth of books, the only conditions being that the Trustees were to build a third story and reserve it for the Public Library.”

“The trustees, have completed the building, including the third story, having a clear space of, at least, 24' X 34' by 11' in height, Exclusive of ante-room and two smaller rooms 9' X 12'. The inside work on said third story, to specially fit the same for said Library, is under contract: awaiting only the approval of your Board, and of the principal donor.”

The Trustees have determined to accept the donation of Mr. Carnegie and others and are willing to administer the trust reposed in them, with the approval of the County Board. They submit, herewith, a letter from the State Supt. of Public Instruction expressing the opinion that the trustees have the authority so to do.”

“The plan, for the present, is to require the four teachers of the Ruffner School to take turns in issuing and receiving books, until such time that some other arrangement seems feasible and desirable. The teachers will only be too glad to accept such additional duties in return for the manifest benefits of the library, for themselves.”

The Trustees wish it distinctly understood that the Library is to be a circulating Library, opened at stated intervals, and to be conducted according to the usual rules and regulations of Public Circulating libraries, for the benefit, not only of those of School age, but of persons of all ages.”

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Resolved, that the County School Board approves of the action of the District School Trustees of Manassas to establish and maintain a public circulating Library to be under the special care of said trustees for the benefit of persons of all ages as well as for those of school age. In event, it should seem desirable to the Manassas District Trustees to have additional authority in the premises, the County Board, hereby requests our Delegate in the Legislature to secure the passage of a special act giving them all necessary authority in the premises.

Resolved, that County School Board views with pleasure the effort being made by the citizens of Manassas to obtain a session of one of the white Normal Schools at Manassas during the summers of 1900, and hope the effort may be successful.

Resolved that Mr. Robt. Hutchison is appointed a committee to write to the teachers of the County requesting their attendance upon the Normal, if successful in locating one at Manassas, and to solicit subscriptions to raise the necessary amount to secure the same.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund, for attendance upon this meeting of the Board, as follows. H. M. Clarkson \$2.00; S. B. Stonnell 2.00, M. C. Crouch 2.00; Wm. Posey 2.00; S. R. Lowe 2.00; Geo. C. Round 2.00; J. T. Leachman 2.00; J. L. Payne 2.00; W. W. Kincheloe 2.00; W. T. Allen 2.00; Nath. House 2.00; Wm. H. Brown 2.00; Edward Wilson 2.00:

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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1900

Manassas, Va. March 31, 1900

At a called meeting of the County School Board, held this day, at the Court House,  
there were present

Dr. H. M. Clarkson,	)	County Superintendent,
W. C. Crouch	)	Occoquan Dist.
S. R. Lowe	)	Coles “
L. M. Storke	)	
W. W. Kincheloe	)	Brentsville “
W. T. Allen	)	
Geo. C. Round	)	Manassas “
J. T. Leachman	)	
J. L. Payne	)	
H. Howdershell	)	
Edward Wilson and	)	Gainesville “
Wm. H. Brown	)	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Manassas School Trustees having accepted the loan of \$2400.00, the Jones Legacy, offered to them at the regular meeting of the Board, held Aug. 12, 1899, -- executed their bond for the same, of which the following is a copy.

“Know all men by these presents that the Manassas District School Board are indebted to the County School Board of Prince William County in the sum of Twenty four hundred (2400) Dollars, to be paid to the said County School Board, two years from date, with annual interest, the same being “The Jones Legacy”. The said amount of money was borrowed from said County School Board in order to rebuild and enlarge Ruffner School house, in Manassas, Va. and to furnish the same.”

“In witness whereof the members of the said District School Board have hereto appended their signatures and seals this 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1900”

(signed) “Trustees (J. T. Leachman, Chairman {seal}  
(Geo. C. Round, Clerk {seal}  
(John L. Payne {seal} “

The bond was directed, by resolution, to be deposited with the County Treasurer for safe keeping, and a receipt therefor was given by the Treasurer which reads as follows

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“Manassas, Va. M’ch 31, 1900, Received from the County School Board the bond of the Manassas District School Board given to the said County School Board and dated February 9<sup>th</sup> 1900, given for \$2400.00 borrowed by said District Board for the purpose of rebuilding and enlarging the Ruffner School House in Manassas, Virginia, and for furnishing the same, being the amount of the Jones legacy held in trust by said County School Board.”

(Signed)

“J. E. Herrell, Treasurer  
Prince Wm. County Va”

The committee appointed at the meeting of the Board, held Dec. 15, 1899, to further examine the accounts of the late Treasurer, made the following report

“To Dr. H. M. Clarkson, Supt. Of Schools and the County School Board of Prince Wm. Co.”

“We the undersigned committee appointed by the County School Board at its last meeting, for the purpose of examining the reports and settlements of the Committees and the County Treasurer, beg leave to report that we examined the settlements made by the committee with the County Treasurer for the years 1895 – 1896 – 1897 and 1898, in the district school funds for said years, and we find no errors. And in the County School fund for 1895 and 1898 we found no errors. But for the years 1896 and 1897 we found errors in each year, for 1896 we found an error against the County School Fund of (\$485.70) Four hundred Eighty five Dollars and 70 cents, and for the year 1897 we found an error against the County School Fund of (\$646.13) Six hundred, forty six Dollars and 13 cents, making the total amount due the County School Fund for said years \$1131.83, and we allowed the said Treasurer 5 per cent commission on the same, making \$56.60 and deducting the same leaves a balance due the County School Fund for said years by Mr. Westwood Hutchison, late treasurer, (\$1075.23) Ten hundred seventy five dollars and twenty three cents; And we further beg leave to report that Mr. Hutchison had the tabulated statement and figures used by him and the committee in making the settlement and we compared the figures with the commissioners books in the Clerk’s office and also the treasurers book used by them in making the settlement and the figures on the Commissioner’s books corresponded with those on the statement and that the errors occurred in the addition of the same”

“Therefore we presume that there was no special blame attached to the settling committee or the treasurer, the same being a clerical error in the addition, all of which is respectfully submitted.”

“March 16, 1900”

	{	W. W. Kincheloe
Signed	{	J. T. Leachman
	{	Wm. H. Brown

Mr. Edward Wilson, chairman of the Committee appointed at the meeting of the Board, Dec. 15, 1899 to formulate a plan for the teaching of higher branches at the Ruffner School stated that as the roads and weather had been so bad, and as the committee expected to report at the next annual meeting, there had not been called a meeting of the committee, and was not prepared to make a report at this time.

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Messrs. Geo. C. Round, W. W. Kincheloe, Wm. H. Brown, S. R. Lowe, J. F. Wheat and M. C. Crouch, one trustee from each district, was appointed a committee to prepare a uniform set of rules for the government of the schools of this county, and to report the same at the next annual meeting.

Resolved, that the report made by the committee for further examination of the accounts of the late treasurer is accepted, and the sum of Ten hundred and seventy five (1075) Dollars and twenty three (23) cents due from the late treasurer to the County School Fund, is hereby directed to be received by the present treasurer in settlement of the same.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund, as follows, H. M. Clarkson \$2.00 attendance of meeting of Board. M. C. Crouch \$2.00 attend. meeting of Board. L. M. Storke \$2.00 attend. meeting of Board. S. R. Lowe \$2.00 Attend. meeting of Board. W. W. Kincheloe \$4.00 attending meeting of Board and service on committee. W. T. Allen \$2.00 attend. meeting of B'd. Geo C. Round \$2.00 attend. meeting of Board. J. T. Leachman \$4.00 attend, meeting of Board and service on committee. J. S. Payne \$2.00 attend. meeting of Board. H. Howdershell \$2.00 attending meeting of Board. E. Wilson \$2.00 attend. meeting of Board. Wm. H. Brown \$8.00 attend. meeting of Board, service on committee and compiling for publication a copy of the annual settlement of the County School Board and County Treasurer. J. H. Allison \$1.00, as janitor Dec 15, 1899 and March 31, 1900.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. August 14, 1900

At the annual meeting of the County School Board, held this day, at the Court House, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, County Superintendent, and, Messrs.

Wm. C. Williams	)	Dumfries Dist.
John S. Powell	)	
S. B. Stonnell	)	Occoquan “
W. C. Crouch	)	
S. R. Lowe	)	
L. M. Storke	)	Coles “
H. C. Perry	)	
W. W. Kincheloe	)	Brentsville “
Nath. House	)	
W. T. Allen	)	
Geo. C. Round	)	Manassas “
J. T. Leachman	)	
J. L. Payne	)	
Edward Wilson	)	Gainesville “
Wm. H. Brown	)	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Jno. S. Powell was selected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown, clerk for the ensuing year.

Mr. Round stated that he was not prepared to report concerning the history of the “Jones Legacy”. He was directed to continue his investigations and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Round reported a set of rules and regulations, which he had prepared, for the government of the schools of the County: as the Authority to make rules and regulations, in addition to those prescribed by the board of Education, was not clear to some of the Trustees, the resolution was laid over and the County Superintendent was requested to ask the State Superintendent if the County and District Boards have authority to make rules and regulations for the government of the schools.

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The committee, appointed to formulate a plan for teaching the higher branches in the Ruffner School, at Manassas made the following report.

[the following newspaper clipping was inserted at this point]

**High School Committee Report.**

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The committee appointed by order of the county school board to consider the advisability of introducing some of the higher branches of education in the school of Manassas, met at Manassas, Va. Tuesday, July 31.

Mr. Wilson, chairman, W. W. Kincheloe, Westwood Hutchison, and S. M. Janney, were present.

Mr. Hutchinson stated, that the Manassas school board had gone to the expense of erecting a large school building, and that the board had employed four teachers equipping the school for the teaching of a more advance course of study, than that prescribed by the state board, and that it was the desire of the people of Manassas to have a school that would prepare their boys and girls to enter creditably any college in the state.

On motion of Mr. Hutchison the committee recommended that in addition to the branches already taught in the Manassas school, the following prescribed course be introduced.

Mathematics; Algebra, as far as quadratic equations, and solid geometry.

Languages; English, a thorough study of English grammar, English literature, rhetoric and composition; Latin, a thorough study of grammar and exercises, and first five books of Caesar, German or French: Science; Physics and Natural History.

History; advanced work in U. S. history, English history and general history and drawing.

It was further recommended, that any extra charges, incurred by the Manassas school board in having the above prescribed course taught, be paid out of the funds of Manassas school district, and that a tuition fee of one dollar per month be charged all pupils in the county not residing in the Manassas district, and the money so received to be paid in the treasury of the Manassas school district.

The committee acknowledges the valuable assistance rendered by Mr. Marshall, Superintendent of schools of Fauquier and Mr. W. H. W. Moran.

S. M. Janney, Sec'y.

The report was adopted with the exception of the clause relating to tuition fees, which clause was so amended as to allow the trustees of the Manassas Board to charge a maximum fee of \$2.50 and a minimum of \$1.50 per month, from pupils of the county residing out of the district. The County Board deemed it unadvisable to attempt to

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regulate the charges, if any, to be paid by pupils residing within the district, considering that these should be regulated by the District Board.

The report of the committee – Messrs. Kincheloe, Leachman and Brown – appointed by the County Superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the County Treasurer and district clerks was received and approved. It appearing, in said accounts, that no provision had been made for transferring the surplus of the dog-tax, where any existed, to the District Boards; on motion of Mr. Round a committee of two was appointed to bring before the proper tribunal for decision, the matter of the claim of the School Boards to the surplus of the dog-tax, and said committee shall have power to employ counsel, if necessary. Messrs. Round and Kincheloe were appointed on this committee.

Resolved. That the County Treasurer be allowed a commission of 2% on the disbursement of the State School Funds for 1900/01.

Resolved. That the sum of \$30.00 be appropriated to The Manassas Journal for publishing the official business of the County and District Boards for the current school year, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, that the sum of \$15.00 be appropriated to the County Superintendent for the purchase of stationery and stamps, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved. That the Board of Supervisors be requested to make a levy of 10¢ on the \$100.00 of property for county school purposes, and for District purposes, as follows:

Dumfries	District	10¢
Occoquan	“	10¢
Coles	“	10¢
Brentsville	“	7½¢
Manassas	“	10¢
Gainesville	“	5¢

Resolved. That the County Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Dumfries District the interest on the “Jones Legacy”, due on February 9, 1901.

The clerks of the districts reported the School census for 1900 as completed and presented their returns, on motion it was resolved the district clerks be allowed \$3.00 per 100 names, for taking the school census, to be paid out of the District Funds.

At the suggestion of the Superintendent it was resolved, that the subscriptions to the Virginia School Journal, for the benefit of the teachers, be renewed for the ensuing School term, payment for the same to be made out of the County School Fund at the end of the School year.

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On motion of Mr. Kincheloe, it was resolved that the County Board do not designate any days as holidays for the present school year.

Resolved, that the clerk have printed a blank warrant book for the use of the County Board.

Mr. S. B. Stonnell being called, temporarily, to the chair, Mr. J. T. Leachman offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Dr. H. M. Clarkson has acceptably served the County of prince William for eight years in the capacity of County Superintendent of Schools.

Resolved, 1<sup>st</sup> That we hereby place on record our high appreciation of his personal worth and of his official services in the interest of the public schools of the county.

Resolved, 2<sup>nd</sup>. That the clerk of the County School Board is directed to forward to him a certified copy of this action of the board.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund as follows: for attendance on this meeting. S. B. Stonnell \$2.00; M. C. Crouch \$2.00; L. M. Starke \$2.00; H. C. Perry \$2.00; Nath House %\$2.00; Wm. T. Allen \$2.00; Jno L. Payne \$2.00; J. T. Leachman \$8.00 attendance on this meeting and 3 days on committee settling with County treasurer; W. W. Kincheloe \$8.00 – 3 days on committee settling with County treasurer and on committee for Higher Education; E. Wilson \$4.00; attendance on this meeting and on committee for higher Education; S. M. Janney \$2.00 on committee for Higher Education; Westwood Hutchison \$2.00 on committee for higher Education; E. M. Cornwell \$1.00, as janitor and for ice; Geo C. Round, Jr. \$4.25 four days attendance at school Examination and ice; Manassas Journal \$30.00 printing for County and District School Boards 1899/00; H. M. Clarkson \$15.00 for stationery and stamps 1899/00; The Virginia School Journal \$42.75 subscription to the journal for teachers, session 1899/00.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. Feb'y 4, 1901

At a called meeting of the County School Board, held at the Court House, this day, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, County Superintendent, and, Messrs.

S. B. Stonnell	)	Occoquan District
W. C. Crouch	)	
John S. Powell	)	
Wm. T. Allen	)	Brentsville “
W. W. Kincheloe	)	
Geo. C. Round	)	Manassas “
J. T. Leachman	)	
Jno. L. Payne	)	
H. Howdershell	)	
Edward Wilson and	)	Gainesville “
Wm. H. Brown	)	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee – Messrs. Round and Kincheloe – appointed to examine into the claims of the District School Boards to the surplus of the dog tax: reported that the Board of Supervisors agreed to recognize the claim of the District Boards to the surplus tax. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The superintendent stated that this meeting had been called at the request of several chairmen of District Boards, under sec. 31 of the school laws, for the purpose of considering the advisability of holding this year, one of the white summer normal schools at Manassas; and he also stated that to obtain this object it would be necessary to raise \$250.00 for defraying, in part, the necessary expenses.

Mr. Round offered the following: Resolved, That an appropriation of \$250.00 is hereby made, from the County School funds, toward paying the incidental expenses of a summer normal, provided the same shall be held in the town of Manassas, during the coming summer, and the president and clerk of this board are directed to issue a warrant or warrants therefor as advised by the State superintendent of public instruction and should all of the said amount not be used for the purpose the surplus shall be returned to the County Fund.

Mr. Round advocated the resolution and read a letter from the state superintendent, stating that, in his opinion, it is perfectly lawful for the County or district board to make the appropriation, as has been frequently done by other boards. Mr. Kincheloe opposed

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the resolution in some forcible arguments; after a full and general consideration of the subject, the resolution was adopted by the following vote. Messrs. Crouch; Powell; Allen; Payne; Round; Leachman; Howdershell; Wilson; and Brown, voting aye. Mr. Kincheloe, voting no, and Mr. Stonnell not voting.

Mr. Round was appointed a committee to notify the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the action of this Board.

It was Resolved, That, in the opinion of the County School Board, all white teachers in the public schools of this County, and all who desire to become such, should avail themselves of the advantages offered by attending the summer normal, should it be held at Manassas.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County School Fund as follows: for attendance at this meeting, S. B. Stonnell, \$2.00; Jno. S. Powell, \$2.00; M. C. Crouch, \$2.00; Jno. L. Payne, \$2.00; Wm. T. Allen, \$2.00; J. T. Leachman, \$2.00; H. Howdershell, \$2.00; Edward Wilson, \$2.00; W. W. Kincheloe, \$4.00, for attendance at this meeting and on dog tax committee; Wm. H. Brown, \$2.00 as clerk of this Board; Manassas Journal \$1.35 for blank warrant book; E. M. Cornwell, 50¢ for making fire and attendance. Geo C. Round \$4.00 attendance this meeting and on dog tax committee.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. Aug. 12, 1901

At the annual meeting of the County School Board, held at the courthouse, this day, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, County Superintendent, and Messrs.

W. C. Williams	)	Dumfries District
W. W. Abel	)	
M. C. Crouch		Occoquan “
S. R. Lowe	)	Coles “
L. M. Storke	)	
W. T. Allen	)	Brentsville “
W. W. Kincheloe	)	
A. B. Carrington	)	
Geo. C. Round	)	Manassas “
J. T. Leachman	)	
John L. Payne	)	and
Wm. H. Brown		Gainesville “

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. John S. Powell was elected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown clerk for the present school year.

Mr. Round, not being prepared to report concerning the history of the “Jones legacy” and the schools of Dettingen parish; was requested to continue his researches on the subject and to report at a subsequent meeting.

On motion of Mr. Round, Resolved, That the county Superintendent be requested to call public attention to the law regarding vaccination, recommending to parents and guardians that the children be vaccinated at once, so as to be ready to attend the schools at the usual time of opening, and that district boards be directed to take such action in the premises as they may deem necessary.

Mr. Round, the local manager of the summer normal, recently held at Manassas reported that the amount of \$250.00 appropriated by this board, was expended, in full, by the State Superintendent.

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Mr. Brown presented to the board a copy of a map of the county, compiled in accordance with instructions of the board at its annual meeting in 1897, and on motion of Mr. Round the sum of \$50.00 therefor, appropriated at that time, was ordered to be paid.

The superintendent, in accepting the map on behalf of the board, commended it for its thoroughness, correctness and elegance of execution: and on motion of Mr. Kincheloe, it was unanimously Resolved, That a copy of the map, at a cost of \$1.50 each, be placed in every school in the county, and the necessary amount therefor is hereby appropriated.

On motion of the Rev. A. B. Carrington, it was unanimously Resolved, That the Superintendent be hereby authorized to rent an office in Manassas, at an expenditure of not more than \$3.50 per month, and the necessary amount therefor is hereby appropriated.

The committee – Messrs. Kincheloe, Leachman and Brown, -- appointed by the Superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the district clerks and county treasurer, reported that the said accounts are correct and agree: and that there is an unexpended balance of \$678.48 in the County treasury, due to the County School board. On motion of the Rev. A. B. Carrington the report of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion, Resolved, that the subscription to the Virginia School Journal, for the benefit of the teachers be renewed for the ensuing term, and the necessary amount therefor is hereby appropriated.

Resolved, That the county treasurer is hereby allowed a commission of two (2) per cent, on the disbursement of the Grandstaff fund for 1901/02.

Resolved, That the Board of Supervisors are respectfully requested to make a levy of 10¢ on the \$100.00 of property for county school purposes and for district purposes, as follows;

Dumfries	district	10¢
Occoquan	“	10¢
Coles	“	10¢
Brentsville	“	10¢
Manassas	“	10¢
Gainesville	“	5¢

Resolved, That the sum of \$15.00 is hereby appropriated to the County Superintendent for stationery and stamps, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, That the sum of \$30.00 is hereby appropriated to the Manassas Journal for publishing the official school business of the county for the current school year, payable at the end of the school year.

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Resolved, That the County treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Manassas and Brentsville districts the interest from the “Jones legacy” when due, on February 9, 1902.

On motion of Mr. Kincheloe, Resolved, that the anniversaries of the birth days of Generals Washington and Lee, be observed by the schools of this county as legal holidays; and that the teachers are hereby required to hold appropriate memorial exercises in their respective schools, in commemoration of these patriots, after which school shall be adjourned for the day. It was, also, Resolved That the schools shall adjourn for Christmas holidays, from December 20, 1901, to the first Monday in January following, without pay to teachers.

An agent in the interest of Mrs. S. B. Lee’s history of the U. States appeared before the board, requesting that Lee’s history be substituted for Jones’ history, in the schools of the County, for the remainder of the term contracted for. After hearing from the agents of both histories, it was deemed unadvisable to make any change at this time.

On motion, the “Carnefix Sight Word Reading Chart” was commended to the attention of the district boards of the county.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the “County Fund” as follows: for attendance at this meeting, W. W. Abel \$2.00; M. C. Crouch \$2.00; L. M. Storke \$2.00; W. T. Allen \$2.00; A. B. Carrington \$2.00; Jno. L. Payne \$2.00; W. W. Kincheloe \$6.00, settling a/cs with treasurer; J. T. Leachman \$8.00, attendance at this meeting and settling a/cs with treasurer; Wm. H. Brown \$58.00 settling a/cs with treasurer, Clerk of County Board and compiling map; W. H. W. Moran \$30.00 advertising 1900/01; H. M. Clarkson \$15.00 stationery & postage 1900/01; E. M. Cornwell \$2.00 janitor; C. E. Ruffner \$4.00 attendance at teacher’s Examination; Va. School Journal \$43.56 for School Journal 1900/01.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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September 2, 1901

County Maps furnished Districts upon requisition of District Clerks, as follows.

Dumfries district	7	Brentsville district	9
Occoquan “	8	Manassas “	12
Coles “	8	Gainesville “	14
Total number of Maps furnished 58			

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. August 15, 1902

At the annual meeting of the County School Board, held this day, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, Superintendent, and Messrs.

W. C. Williams		Dumfries District
John S. Powell	)	
S. R. Stonnell	)	Occoquan “
M. C. Crouch	)	
L. M. Storke	)	Coles “
S. R. Lowe	)	
W. T. Allen	)	Brentsville “
A. B. Carrington	)	
R. H. Davis	)	
Geo. C. Round	)	Manassas “
J. T. Leachman	)	
John L. Payne	)	
H. Howdershell and	)	
Wm. H. Brown	)	Gainesville “

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Jno. S. Powell was elected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown secretary for the present school year.

Mr. Round made a report concerning the history of the “Jones legacy” which was accepted and ordered to be published and recorded in the minutes of the Board. The thanks of the Board were extended to Mr. Round for his able report and he was requested to continue his researches in regard thereto.

The committee – Messrs. Powell, Leachman and Brown – appointed to examine and compare the accounts of the district boards and the County treasurer, reported that the said accounts are correct and agree, and that there is an unexpended balance of \$450.58 in the County treasury due the County School board. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Carrington, Resolved, That the subscription to the Virginia School Journal, for the benefit of the teachers, be renewed for the present school year and the necessary amount therefor is hereby appropriated.

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On motion of the Rev. Mr. Carrington, Resolved, That the County treasurer is hereby allowed a commission of two (2) per cent on the disbursement of the State School Funds for 1902/03, And two (2) per cent on the disbursement of the “Jones legacy” due February 9, 1903.

Resolved, That the County treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Coles district the interest from the “Jones legacy” due February 9, 1903.

Resolved. That the Board of Supervisors are respectfully requested to make a levy of ten (10) cents on the \$100.00 of property for County School purposes, and for district purposes, as follows;

Dumfries	district	10 cents
Occoquan	“	10¢
Coles	“	10¢
Brentsville	“	10¢
Manassas	“	10¢
Gainesville	“	3¢

Resolved, That the sum of \$15.00 is hereby appropriated to the County Superintendent for stationery and stamps, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, That the sum of \$30.00 is hereby appropriated to the Manassas Journal for publishing the official school business of the county for the current school year, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Leachman, That Thanksgiving day; Christmas day; 19<sup>th</sup> day of January; 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February and Easter Monday be observed of this County as legal holidays.

Resolved. That the office, in Manassas, occupied by the superintendent, be rented for another year, and that the sum of \$16.00 is hereby appropriated for necessary office furniture for the same.

On motion, Messrs. Carrington, Round, Davis and Clarkson, appointed to draft suitable resolutions in regard to the services of our late member, W. W. Kincheloe, reported, That the county school board of Prince William county desirous of expressing their great sorrow for the death of their late member, W. W. Kincheloe, of the Brentsville district, do hereby record their appreciation of his long and faithful services to the public schools and other important interests of the county; and the clerk of the board is hereby requested to forward to his stricken family this expression of their grief and sincere sympathy with them in their affliction.

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Resolved. That our delegate be requested to present to the Legislature and to use his influence to have passed a bill allowing to the clerks of the district boards of this county, equal compensation, with other trustees, for attendance upon the annual meetings of the county board.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund as follows: M. C. Crouch \$2.00; S. R. Stonnell, \$2.00; L. M. Storke \$2.00; R. H. Davis, \$2.00; Wm. T. Allen \$200.; John L. Payne \$2.00; H. Howdershell, \$2.00: attendance on this meeting John S. Powell, \$6.00 settling with county treasurer; J. T. Leachman, \$8.00, 3 days settling with County treasurer and attendance on this meeting; Wm. H. Brown \$8.00 settling with county treasurer and clerk of County board; H. M. Clarkson \$15.00 stationery and stamps 1901/02; W. H. W. Moran \$30.00 printing for School year 1901/02; E. M. Cornwell \$2.00 as janitor; C. E. Ruffner \$4.00, four days attendance at teacher Examination; W. C. Wagener \$16.00 furnishing county superintendents office.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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1903

Manassas, Va. August 15, 1903

At the annual meeting of the County School Board, held this day, there were present  
Dr. H. M. Clarkson, Superintendent, and Messrs.

W. T. Allen	)	Brentsville district
R. H. Davis	)	
S. R. Lowe	)	Coles “
L. M. Storke	)	
W. C. Williams	)	Dumfries “
W. W. Abel	)	
H. Howdershell	)	
Wm. H. Brown	)	Gainesville “
J. T. Leachman	)	Manassas “ and
John L. Payne	)	
M. C. Crouch	)	Occoquan “

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. John S. Powell was elected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown, secretary for the present school year.

By invitation, Judge Gooch made some remarks advocating the use of Colaws Arithmetic and Johnson’s supplementary readers in the public schools, and on motion, they were recommended by the Board. The Board, also recommended, where practicable, the introduction, for primary pupils, of manual training, prepared by Prof. W. C. Hammell of North Carolina.

Upon request, additional time was granted to Mr. Round, who was necessarily absent, to complete his report upon the “Jones legacy”.

The committee – Messrs. Powell, Leachman and Brown – appointed to examine and compare the accounts of the district boards with the accounts of the county treasurer, reported that the said accounts are correct and agree, and that there is a balance of \$502.42 in the County Treasury, due the County School Board. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

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Resolved, That the subscription to the Virginia School Journal, for the benefit of the teachers, be renewed for the present school year and the necessary amount therefor is hereby appropriated.

Resolved, That the county treasurer is hereby allowed a commission of two (2) per cent on the disbursement of the State Funds for the present school year.

Resolved, That Messrs. Davis, Round and Brown, be appointed a committee to examine and report concerning the law in regard to the commission on the "Jones legacy".

Resolved, That the county treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Occoquan district the interest from the "Jones legacy", due February 9, 1904.

Resolved. That the Board of Supervisors are respectfully requested to make a levy of ten (10) cents on the \$100.00 of property for County School purposes, and for district purposes, as follows;

Brentsville	10¢
Coles	10¢
Dumfries	10¢
Gainesville	2½¢
Manassas	10¢
Occoquan	10¢

Resolved, That the sum of \$42 is hereby appropriated for an office in Manassas, for the use of the County Superintendent, for the present school year.

Resolved, That the sum of \$15.00 is hereby appropriated to the County Superintendent for stationery and stamps, payable at the end of the present school year.

Resolved, That the sum of \$30.00 is hereby appropriated to the Manassas Journal for publishing the official school business of the county for the current school year, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, That Thanksgiving day; Christmas day; January 19; February 22 and Easter Monday be observed by the schools of this county as legal holidays.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund as follows: W. C. Williams \$2.00; W. W. Abel \$2.00; M. C. Crouch \$2.00; S. R. Lowe \$2.00; L. M. Storke \$2.00; Jno L. Payne \$2.00; R. H. Davis \$2.00; W. T. Allen \$2.00; H. Howdershell \$2.00, attendance on this meeting; John S. Powell \$6.00 settling with County treasurer; J. T. Leachman \$8.00 settling with County Treasurer and attendance on this meeting; Wm. H. Brown \$18.00 settling with County Treasurer, clerk of county board and for four years reporting settlement with county treasurer; H. M. Clarkson \$15.00 stationery and stamps for 1902/03; The Manassas Journal \$30.00 printing 1902/03; E. M. Cornwell \$2.00,

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services as janitor and for ice; Marye Lewis \$4.75, attendance at teachers' examination and for ice. W. C. Wagener – rent to Oct 1, 1903. \$42.00

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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1904

Manassas, Va. Feb'y 1, 1904

At a called meeting of the County School Board, held, at the Court House, this day, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, Superintendent, and Messrs.

Wm. T. Allen	)	Brentsville district
R. H. Davis	)	
J. M. Ellicott	)	Coles “
W. C. Williams	)	Dumfries “
W. W. Abel	)	
H. Howdershell	)	
G. G. Galleher	)	Gainesville “
J. T. Leachman	)	
Geo. C. Round	)	Manassas “
John L. Payne	)	
S. B. Stonnell	)	
Jno. S. Powell, and	)	Occoquan “
M. C. Crouch	)	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of considering the appointment of a committee for the selection of text books for use in the public schools of this County from the multiple list adopted by the State Board of Education; and also for the purpose of devising measures whereby the County Board may be of assistance in securing the location of the new Normal School for girls at or near Manassas.

In connection with the adoption of text books, the Superintendent read circular letter No. 237 from the Department of Public Instruction, in which the right is reserved by the State Board of Education to approve, amend or reject the books adopted by the County Boards.

Upon motion the Superintendent appointed Messrs. Galleher, Powell and Carrington, trustees and Mrs. Lynn, Misses Ashford and Hawkins, teachers, who with the County Superintendent, shall constitute a committee to meet at Manassas, on April 16, 1904 for the purpose of recommending text books to be used in this County.

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Messrs. Westwood Hutchison, upon invitation; and Geo. C. Round addressed the Board upon the desirability and advantages to our people of having the new Normal School located at or near Manassas.

Upon motion of Mr. Round it was Resolved, That Whereas Samuel Jones, in the year 1776, left by his Last Will and Testament, six hundred pounds sterling to the Vestry of Dettingen Parish, “for the education of poor children” which fund has, for many years, been administered by the County School Board by applying the interest thereof to the expenses of the public schools in the original boundaries of said parish,

And Whereas all the children within said boundaries are entitled by law to such education as the said public schools provide, without reference to their wealth or their poverty and Whereas it seems desirable that the said fund be in some way used specially for the benefit of the class of children named

Resolved That, if Virginia establishes at or near Manassas a Normal School for girls, this Board expresses its willingness to turn over to the Authorities of said school the proceeds of said fund, which fund now amounts to \$2400.00 invested at 6 per cent, to be used in assisting to a Normal Education such poor children as shall be designated by the District School Boards included in the said boundaries of Dettingen Parish.

And Whereas the State of Virginia, is indebted to the County of Prince William in the sum of \$1400.00, represented by bonds of the Literary Fund to that amount, on which the State pays annual interest to the credit of this Board.

Resolved, That, this Board hereby expresses its willingness to turn over to the authorities of said Normal School, if established at or near Manassas, the annual proceeds of said fund, to be used in the same manner in assisting the poor children of the County.

The forgoing action is taken by the County School Board under the belief that the establishment of said Normal School, within the bounds of our County, would be a special benefit to the Schools and school children of the County. It would seem to be the duty and interest of all our people to make some substantial contribution to the success of the school. If our proposition is accepted the two funds herein named would amount to \$3800.00 which would be practically the beginning of an endowment to aid in paying a portion of the expenses of needy and worthy pupils. These pupils should be required to teach within the County for a limited time, if opportunity offers.

The County Superintendent is directed to inform the Joint Commission for the location of the said Normal School of the action herein set forth, and if advised that any legislation is needed for carrying out the propositions made, the said Superintendent is authorized to bring the matter to the attention of the General Assembly.

Those voting in favor of the resolution were Allen; Davis; Ellicott; Howdershell; Galleher; Brown; Leachman; Round; Payne; Stonnell, Powell and Crouch – 12. Noes, none.

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Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund, as follows. S. B. Stonnell \$2.00; John L. Payne \$2.00; M. C. Crouch \$2.00; John S. Powell \$2.00; J. M. Ellicott \$2.00; Wm. T. Allen \$2.00; R. H. Davis \$2.00; Geo. C. Round \$2.00; J. T. Leachman, \$2.00; H. Howdershell \$2.00; Geo G. Galleher \$2.00 for attendance on this meeting and Wm. H. Brown \$2.00 as Clerk of the meeting.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas Aug. 26, 1904

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held, at the Court House, this day there were present Supt. H. M. Clarkson, President, and Messrs.

W. T. Allen	)	Brentsville dist.	
A. B. Carrington	)		
R. H. Davis	)		
S. R. Lowe	)		
J. M. Ellicott	)	Coles	“
L. M. Storke	)		
W. W. Abel		Dumfries	“
G. G. Galleher	)		
Wm. H. Brown	)	Gainesville	“
Jno. R. Payne	)		
Geo. C. Round	)	Manassas	“
J. T. Leachman	)		
S. B. Stonnell	)		
M. C. Crouch	)	Occoquan	“ trustees
Tyson Janney	)		

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Geo. C. Round was elected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown clerk for the present school year.

Mr. Round made a statement in regard to his researches concerning the “Jones legacy”, which he has not, as yet, been able complete. On motion, of Mr. Galleher, additional time was given him to make a report.

The committee – Messrs. Leachman, Janney and Brown – appointed to examine and compare the accounts of the district boards with the accounts of the County Treasurer, reported that said accounts are correct and agree and that there is a balance of \$490.59 in the County Treasury due the County School Board. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

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Resolved that the subscription to the Virginia School Journal, for the benefit of the teachers, be renewed for the present school year and the necessary amount therefor is hereby appropriated.

Resolved that the County Treasurer is hereby allowed a commission of 2 % on the disbursement of the State funds.

Resolved that the County Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Dumfries district the interest from the “Jones legacy” due Feb 9 1905.

Resolved that the Board of Supervisors are respectfully requested to make a levy of ten (10) cents on the \$100.00 of property for County School purposes, and for district purposes, as follows;

Brentsville district		10¢
Coles	“	8¢
Dumfries	“	10¢
Gainesville district		2¢
Manassas	“	10¢
Occoquan	“	10¢

On motion of Mr. Round, Resolved that the sum of Forty two (42) Dollars is hereby appropriated for rent of an office in Manassas for the County Superintendent, for the present school year.

Resolved, that the sum of Fifteen (15) Dollars, is hereby appropriated to the County Superintendent, for stationery and stamps, payable at the end of the present school year.

Resolved, that the sum of Thirty (30) Dollars is hereby appropriated to the Manassas Journal for publishing the official school business, payable at the end of the school year.

On motion of Mr. Janney, Resolved that the County Board does not grant any days as legal holidays for the present school year.

A bill having been presented by Mr. J. M. Barbee for \$15.00 for extending the school district tax for Coles, Dumfries and Occoquan districts, on motion of Mr. Abel it was referred back to Mr. Barbee, requesting a precedent for said charges.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County School Fund as follows: W. W. Abel \$2.00; M. C. Crouch \$2.00; S. R. Lowe \$2.00; J. M. Ellicott \$2.00; L. M. Storke 2.00; W. T. Allen \$2.00; R. H. Davis \$2.00; Jno. L. Payne \$2.00; Geo. C. Round \$2.00; S. B. Stonnell \$2.00; attendance on meeting of County Board; A. B. Carrington \$5.00 for service on text book committee, and service on Sch. Board; J. T. Leachman \$6.00 settling with County Treasurer and attendance at Board meeting; Geo. S. Galleher \$5.00 service on text book committee and attendance on Board meeting; Tyson Janney \$9.00 service on text book committee, settling with County treasurer and service on Board meeting; Wm. H. Brown \$6.00, settling with County treasurer and clerk of County Board; H. M.

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Clarkson \$15.00 stationery and stamps for 1903/04 – Manassas Journal \$30.00 printing 1903/04; J. M. Lewis \$4.75 as janitor & for ice, School teachers Examination; Etta P. Lynn \$3.00 service on text book committee; Louisa Ashford \$3.00, service on text book committee; Mamie F. Hawkins \$3.00 service on text book committee; E. M. Cornwell \$2.00 attendance on committee and on meeting of Board. [space left blank] printing 100 text book cards.

**Memorial Resolutions**  
**unanimously adopted by a rising vote**

As members of the Prince William County School Board, whilst humbly bowing to the visitation of Providence, which has removed from our membership Dr. John S. Powell, of Occoquan, the last, but two, living, of the first organized school board in our county, we feel that we cannot allow his death to pass unnoticed.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: -- That in the death of Dr. Powell, for thirty two years an active members of this board, and for many successive terms our honored Vice President, we have lost one of our brightest associates, the public School System a long valued trustee, the county an efficient public servant, who has held many honorable positions, the community a kind, generous and blameless member of society and our religious circles a devoted Christian.

And be it further Resolved – that we dedicate a page, in our minute book to his memory, that a copy of this memorial be sent to his mourning family – and that a request be made for the publication of the same in the newspapers of Manassas.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. March 20, 1905

At a called meeting of the County School Board held at the Court House, this day there were present, H. M. Clarkson, President, and the following trustees:

W. T. Allen	)	Brentsville dist.
A. B. Carrington	)	
R. H. Davis	)	
S. R. Lowe		Coles “
W. W. Abel		Dumfries “
G. G. Galleher	)	
Wm. H. Brown	)	Gainesville “
Geo. C. Round and	)	Manassas “
Jno. R. Payne	)	

The Superintendent stated that the meeting was called to confer with the Board of Supervisors concerning the levies for school purposes for the year 1905.

On motion, Messrs. Galleher; Davis; Round; Abel and Lowe, with the Superintendent, were appointed a committee, on the part of the School Board, to confer with the Board of Supervisors, then in session. The Board adjourned one half hour to allow a conference.

Upon reassembling, the committee reported that they had conferred with the Board of Supervisors and had laid the matter of school levies before them.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, it was unanimously Resolved, That it is the sense of the School Board of Prince William County, that in redistricting the state into school divisions the County of Prince William should not be made a part of any other division, but should remain a separate and independent division, and that Messrs. J. B. T. Thornton, G. G. Galleher and Geo. C. Round are hereby appointed a committee to proceed to Richmond, if necessary, to represent the interests of the County in the premises, before the State Board of Education, and that the necessary expenses of the committee shall be paid by the County School Board.

On motion of Mr. Round: Mr. Galleher having been called to the chair, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas Dr. H. M. Clarkson has, for the past thirteen years, acceptably and faithfully served the County of Prince William as Superintendent of Schools, therefore, be it Resolved, That we, the School trustees, place on record our appreciation of his personal worth and official services in the interest of the public schools of the county, and of education generally, and we do hereby direct the clerk of the Board to incorporate the

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foregoing resolution with the minutes of the meeting and give to the County Superintendent a copy of the same, also to forward a copy to the State Board of Education, respectfully requesting his re-appointment as Superintendent of Schools for Prince William County.

On motion of Mr. Round: Resolved, That all citizens of the County, who are interested in the cause of education, are invited to give their names to the County Superintendent as members of the Prince William Educational Association, and that the Hon. J. B. T. Thornton be invited to act as President thereof, and to preside at the proposed mass meeting, in the month of May, at Manassas, which will be addressed by speakers furnished by the Co-operative Educational Commission of Virginia.

Mr. Round, the committee appointed to examine into the history of the “Jones” legacy made a report thereon and on motion of the Rev. A. B. Carrington a vote of thanks was tendered him for the thorough and exhaustive investigation made in the matter and he was requested to have two type-written copies made, at the expense of the Board, for publication in the Manassas newspapers, and that the report be incorporated in the minutes of the Board.

On motion, Messrs. Round, Davis and Carrington were appointed a memorial committee to have put in some enduring shape, a testimonial commemorating the liberality of the testator of the “Jones legacy” in the cause of Education.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County School Fund, as follows. S. R. Lowe \$2.00; Geo. C. Round \$2.00; G. G. Galleher \$2.00; A. B. Carrington, \$2.00; R. H. Davis \$2.00; Jno. L. Payne, \$2.00; W. W. Abel, \$2.00; W. T. Allen \$2.00; H. Howdershell \$2.00; for attendance on this meeting. Wm. H. Brown \$2.00 acting as Clerk of Board; E. M. Cornwell 50 cents as janitor

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
Prest.

[signed] Wm. H. Brown,  
Clerk

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STORY OF THE JONES LEGACY.

At a meeting of the County School Board held at the Courthouse, Manassas, Va., March 20, 1905, Mr. George C. Round, the committee appointed to examine into the history of the "Jones Legacy" made a report thereon and on motion of Rev. A. B. Carrington, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board are due and are hereby tendered Mr. Round for the thorough and exhaustive investigation made in the matter of the "Jones Legacy" and he is requested to have the report prepared for publication and that the report be incorporated in the minutes of the Board.

Wm. H. Brown, Clerk &c.

THE REPORT.

To the County School Board of Prince William County:

The undersigned was designated some time since to ascertain as far as practicable the history of the Jones legacy and report the facts to your board. Information was specially desired concerning the man, whose name has been attached to the fund in question.

It is a singular commentary on human nature that, while the people of Prince William county have been enjoying for over one hundred years the benefit of this munificent trust, your committee has been unable to find a single citizen who seemed to have any information on this subject, except the bare tradition handed down from a previous generation, to the effect that a man named "Jones" had given this fund for the education of the poor children of Dettingen parish. After two years of diligent inquiry no one was found among our people, who could tell the place of his birth or his burial, his occupation or his residence, the time when he lived in the County or even whether he ever lived in the county at all. No one claims him as a relative or acquaintance of any of our distinguished families, and if he had ancestors or descendants no one can name them. It would be interesting to ascertain something of his character, his standing in society and the motives which influenced him to his beneficence. Was he a man of education himself, or did he feel the lack of opportunity when he was himself a youth? He must have been a man of wealth; how did he make the money which he gave to generations unborn? While it is true that what is everybody's business is nobody's business, it yet seems very singular that not a single tradition has been handed down to us and no one of those he has benefitted knows anything farther than the fact, that his name was "Jones"; even his given name has passed into oblivion.

Bishop Meade's "Old Families and Churches" gives us in a few pages about all we know of Dettingen Parish, except that its beginning and its boundaries are set forth in "Hennings Statutes at large". But though the Bishop gives us a long list of vestrymen and others prominent in the Episcopal church, the name of Jones is absent. A fact, like a large donation for the perpetual use of Dettingen Parish, would seem to be one that the venerated Bishop would certainly record, but he has not done so. Inquiries from all the families, who have relatives in Prince William and adjoining counties by the name of

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Jones, fail to shed any light on the object of our quest. In this connection your committee acknowledges obligations to President Tyler of Williamsburg, Charles P. Janney of Loudoun, R. E. Thornton of Fairfax, C. A. Bryan of Stafford, to the late Mrs. Jennie Jones Atkinson and others, but all inquiries and answers fail to locate the founder of the Jones legacy in any of our family genealogical records.

Having exhausted the above sources of information, your committee turned to the county records. A number of Joneses are found on the Will books and Deed books. All these wills and deeds have been carefully read but none of them contain any words referring in the slightest manner to any legacy or gift for Dettingen Parish or its children. But one ray of light appears. In Will-Book G on page 5 is recorded the Estate Account of one Samuel Jones, showing that his entire estate after paying all debts amounted to 3030 pounds, 3 shillings, 5 pence and 3 farthings, about \$15,000.00. This man, Samuel Jones, is the only one of the Jones name who appears to have had any considerable wealth. From this fact, it is a reasonable inference that he is the man we are looking for. As this account was recorded May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1778, we may presume that he died a short time previous. On page 11 in the same Will-Book G is found the appraisement of the estate of Samuel Jones in Frederick County, made by the order of the Prince William Court, dated August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1777, and amounting to 290 pounds. A letter to the Clerk of Frederick County, returns to your committee the response that no name of Samuel Jones appears on the records of that County. Similar letters have been received from the Clerks of Stafford, Fairfax and Loudoun.

In Deed Book T pages 512 – 514 appear deeds from the Executors of Samuel Jones, dated February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1779; these refer to Samuel Jones of the “County of Prince William”, and both convey land to one Evan Williams, adjoining Blackburn and Waters. From these names we may reasonable assume that the land lay between Occoquan and Dumfries. From the fact that the consideration for the conveyances of the land was small (120 pounds) and from the further fact that no other real estate is found in his name, your committee infers that he must have been engaged in other pursuits than farming. It is not improbable that a search through old ledgers and day books in use in Dumfries and Colchester from 1750 to 1775, might reveal something concerning the occupation and residence of Samuel Jones.

In thumbing through an old bond book without index, in our clerk’s office, your committee came upon the bond given by the Executors of Samuel Jones, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1776, “in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of our Sovereign Lord, George the Third”. Their names were William Alexander, James Gwathin, and Cuthbert Harrison. The bond was for Eight Thousand pounds, and the Magistrates were James Nighet, John Hooe, Howison Hooe, and William Tebbs.

From the above we must infer that Samuel Jones died in 1775, or early in the year 1776. The estate account as your committee has named above, was not recorded till two years after the date of the bond and on page 5 of Will Book G. If Will-Books E. and F., which are lost, are ever found, no doubt Samuel Jones’ last testament will be found therein.

As the estate of Samuel Jones must have been a very large one for that day, it seems reasonable to suppose that his grave was well marked and it does seem that careful inquiry through the lower end of our County ought to result in finding the last resting

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place of this benefactor of Prince William. The attention of the citizens of Dumfries and Occoquan is especially called to the interesting questions raised by this investigation.

Your committee now passes to the litigation which took place since the war regarding the Jones' Fund, which seems to supplement and corroborate the presumptions expressed above. The litigation took place in the Circuit Court of Fauquier. The facts as your committee has gathered them from the record of the proceedings in Court and from the deed books of that county are briefly these. Some time prior to 1785, Samuel Jones, by his last will, gave six hundred pounds to the vestry of Dettingen Parish, for the education of poor children. In 1785 the Legislature devolved the care of said fund, on the overseers of the poor. On Nov. 20, 1790, the Overseers loaned out the money, which had been increased to 885 pounds to Cuthbert Bullitt, who secured it on 1585 acres in Fauquier, by trust deed recorded April 25, 1791. Subsequently the Legislature devolved the care of the fund on the School commissioners of Prince William County and after the war the County School Board was substituted in lieu of the School Commissioners. The land on which the fund was secured passed through various hands, but during the war no interest was paid to the School Commissioners after Nov. 1860. On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1863, the Richmond legislature passed an Act authorizing the owners of the land to pay the whole debt, principal and interest, to the Second Auditor and also directing the Attorney General on payment to execute a release of the land from the original encumbrance of 1600. The owners paid the debt in Confederate money and sold the land. In 1878 Gen. Eppa Hunton, counsel for the County School Board of Prince William County, advised the board that the Act of the Richmond Legislature was unconstitutional and void, and he was instructed by the board to bring suit to set aside the release and collect the money. General Hunton was sustained by Circuit Judge Keith in 1876, but the Court of Appeals reversed the decision on a technicality, the technicality being that the suit was brought in the name of W. W. Thornton and others, constituting the County School Board, when in the opinion of the learned judges it should have been brought in the name of the County School Board pure and simple. What possible injustice could have been done by a decision of the case on its merits does not appear to your committee. It would appear to be a case of *tweedledum* and *tweedledee*. General Hunton was not discouraged however, but began another suit in 1881, which was also carried to the Court of Appeals, which again reversed the decision of Judge Keith, this time on its merits, the Court standing 3 to 2. The President of the Court, Judge L. L. Lewis, delivered a long and able opinion sustaining fully General Hunton's view, and the General gave notice of an appeal to the supreme Court of the U. S. as the points made involved an infringement of the Federal Constitution. A compromise was then proposed and finally accepted, by which the County School Board received the sum of Twenty Four hundred Dollars, which has since been loaned out at six per cent and the interest amounting to \$144.00 annually, has been paid out to the school districts embraced in the territory formerly constituting Dettingen parish. These are Dumfries, Occoquan, Coles and parts of Brentsville and Manassas.

Your committee expresses its thanks for courtesies from E. R. Turner, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Fauquier and specially to General Eppa Hunton, whose letter is filed as "Exhibit B", herewith and who made careful search in the State library and State Capitol for further light in the matter before us.

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The two cases in the Court of Appeals can be found as reported, the one in 1<sup>st</sup> Mathew, p. 215 and the other in 5<sup>th</sup> Hansbrough, p. 64. Both cases will be found very interesting, from a historical as well as a legal standpoint.

Your committee hereby files with this report a copy of the record in the Court of Appeals, with a copy of Attorney Hunton's brief, which was sent by the clerk of the Supreme Court at the instance of Judge Keith, now President of that Court. It is marked "Exhibit A", and is a document of great historic value and should be carefully preserved in the archives of your board.

Since the preparation of the part of this report above written, your committee has spent a day at the Library of the Fairfax Theological Seminary, and examined the Vestry-Book of Dettingen Parish, which is there carefully preserved. Several references were found to the Jones legacy but nothing that adds materially to the information already obtained from other sources, although it is corroborative thereof in every material respect.

The truth regarding this fund is not only important as a matter of history, but it will be necessary to our successors in office to enable them to administer the trust according to the intent of its founder. Although we have no copy or certified extracts from the Will of Samuel Jones, we have in the trust deed recorded in Fauquier County, a statement which we must assume was satisfactory to the Overseers of the Poor, who must have had access to the Will at that time and who must have some of them been contemporaries of Samuel Jones. The statement is that the fund is "to be put out on real security and the interest applied to the education of poor children". The question arises, when we devote this fund to the public schools, whether we are administering the trust according to the Will of Samuel Jones. The public schools are not established for the exclusive benefit of poor children. They are, theoretically, at least, for rich and poor alike. The child of the millionaire has the same right in our public schools as the child of the poorest citizen. And if the Jones fund is used for the rich and poor alike and for those in moderate circumstances, it is clear that it is not fulfilling exactly the mission designed by its founder. And yet as a practical question perhaps we could not do better with it than to use it precisely as we are doing. Your committee makes no recommendations in the premises but submits the question for such consideration as it may deserve.

In closing this report, your committee has two suggestions to make. The first is that the memory of this good man, whose deeds live after him, should be honored in some appropriate way, and handed down to future generations. Before it had become the fashion for men of wealth to use their money for benevolent enterprises, before Peabody and Carnegie and other like them were born, this man with the plain name of "Jones", conceived and carried out this great good for the people who should live where he had lived. At the very time when our forefathers were beginning the Revolutionary War, this patriot and philanthropist set influences at work that will never cease to do good. I suggest as an appropriate thing to be done, that this board authorize a Memorial tablet to be placed in the Ruffner School House, in Manassas, bearing some inscription like the following:

**IN HONOR OF SAMUEL JONES,  
WHO LEFT, 1776, TO DETTINGEN  
PARISH, 600 POUNDS FOR EDUCATION**

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**OF POOR CHILDREN,  
INSERTED 1905 BY COUNTY  
SCHOOL BOARD**

My second suggestion is that a picture of General Eppa Hunton be obtained and hung in the Carnegie Library as a testimonial to his earnest and long continued efforts in restoring the Jones Fund to the people of Prince William County.

In presenting this my final report, I beg that the members of the board, especially those in the lower end of the County, interest themselves as they have further opportunity in ascertaining the burial place of Samuel Jones, and further particulars of his life.

I also urge that the material facts of this report be placed permanently on the records of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. C. Round, Committee

March 20, 1905

[signed] Wm. H. Brown  
Clerk

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

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Manassas, Va. Aug'st 25, 1905

At the annual meeting of the County School Board, held this day at the Court House, there were present Mr. H. M. Clarkson, President, and Messrs. Wm. T. Allen, R. H. Davis, A. B. Carrington, Brentsville district; -- L. M. Storke, Coles district; -- W. W. Abel, Dumfries district; -- Geo. G. Galleher, Wm. H. Brown, Gainesville district; -- J. L. Payne, Geo. C. Round and J. T. Leachman, Manassas district, trustees.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion Mr. Geo. C. Round was elected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown, secretary for the present school year.

Mr. Leachman, on behalf of the committee – Judge Wm. E. Lipscomb and himself – appointed by the division superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the county and district boards with the accounts of the County Treasurer, reported that the said accounts are correct and agree, and that there is a balance of \$547.25 in the County treasury due the County School Board. Capt. Herrell appeared before the Board and stated that the dog tax had not been reported by the Board of Supervisors and therefore does not appear in the settlement with the district boards. Upon this explanation, on motion of Mr. Round the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Round, a committee was appointed to consult with the Board of Supervisors as to the proper time for the school board to ask for the assessment for school purposes, and to consult with them regarding the dog tax. The president appointed Messrs. Round, Davis and Brown.

It was resolved that the Board of Supervisors are respectfully requested to make a levy of ten (10) cents on the \$100.00 of property for County School purposes, and for district purposes, as follows;

Brentsville District		10¢
Dumfries	“	10¢
Coles	“	10¢
Gainesville	“	2¢
Manassas	“	10¢
Occoquan	“	10¢

Resolved that the subscription to the Virginia School Journal for the benefit of teachers be renewed for the present school year and the necessary amount therefor, is hereby appropriated.

On motion of Mr. Leachman, Resolved that the sum of \$30.00 is hereby appropriated to the Manassas Journal and the same amount to the Prince William Times, for publishing the official school business for the school year 1905/06, payable at the end of the school year.

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On motion, Resolved, That the sum of \$15.00 is hereby appropriated to the division superintendent for stationery and stamps, payable at the end of the school year.

On motion of Mr. Round, Resolved, That the division superintendent and commonwealth's attorney are hereby appointed a committee to attend to the collection and re-loaning of the "Jones Legacy Fund" and to take such action, at any time, as may seem to them necessary for the protection of the interest of the school board in said fund.

On motion of Rev. A. B. Carrington, Resolved, That Thanksgiving day and Christmas day only shall be recognized as legal holidays by the district boards.

The clerk of the board was directed to have the record book of the board rebound and have a warrant drawn in payment therefor.

On motion of Mr. Leachman Resolved, That the trustees who are in attendance on this meeting be paid \$2.00 each.

Resolved. That the County Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Manassas and Brentsville school districts in equal portion the interest from the "Jones legacy" when due, Feb'y 9, 1906.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund as follows: W. W. Abel \$2.00; L. M. Storke \$2.00; M. C. Crouch \$2.00; W. T. Allen \$2.00; R. H. Davis \$2.00; A. B. Carrington \$2.00; John L. Payne \$2.00; Geo. C. Round \$2.00; G. G. Galleher \$2.00 attendance on this meeting of the board; J. T. Leachman \$10.00 settling with County Treasurer and attendance on this meeting of the board; Wm. E. Lipscomb \$6.00 settling with county treasurer; Wm. H. Brown \$2.00 as clerk of board; Manassas Journal \$31.25 printing H. M. Clarkson \$16.35 stationery, stamps and books; Lillie Jones \$2.00, type writing; J. M. Lewis \$4.55 for four days service at teachers examination and for ice; E. M. Cornwell \$2.50 sundry services.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. March 5, 1906.

At a called meeting of the County school board held this day at the court house, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, Division Superintendent, and the following trustees, Messrs.

R. H. Davis		Brentsville district
J. M. Ellicott	)	Coles “
L. M. Storke	)	
G. G. Galleher	)	Gainesville “
Wm. H. Brown	)	
J. T. Leachman	)	Manassas “
Jno. L. Payne	)	
Tyson Janney and	)	Occoquan “
M. C. Crouch	)	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The chairman stated that the object of this meeting was for the purpose of determining the amount of levies to be asked, for school purposes for the year 1906.

It was resolved that the board of supervisors – then in session – be respectfully requested to make a levy of twelve (12) cents on the \$100.00 of property for County School purposes, Messrs. Galleher and Brown voting for a levy of 10¢.

It was resolved that the board of supervisors be respectfully requested to make a levy for district purposes as follows:

Brentsville district	10¢
Coles “	15
Dumfries “	10
Gainesville “	7½
Manassas “	10
Occoquan “	15

Mr. Janney was appointed a committee to present the amount of levies asked for to the board of supervisors. Upon his return Mr. Janney reported that the board of supervisors had granted the levies asked for.

The following bills were approved and warrants on the County Fund was directed to be drawn therefor. Peoples National Bank \$31.50 rent for Superintendents office 9 months – to Oct 26, 1905 -; Prince William Hotel \$6.25 for entertainment of speakers on

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the occasion of the Educational rally, November 2, 1905; - the Manassas Journal \$1.50 for printing posters for rally; - M. C. Crouch \$2.00; - Tyson Janney \$2.00; - J. M. Ellicott \$2.00; - L. M. Storke \$2.00;- R. H. Davis \$2.00;- Wm. T. Allen \$2.00;- J. T. Leachman \$2.00;- Jno L. Payne \$2.00;- Geo G. Galleher \$2.00 attendance on the meeting; Wm. H. Brown \$2.00 as clerk of the Board.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. August 23, 1906.

At the annual meeting of the County School Board, held at the courthouse, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, division superintendent, presiding and Messrs. Wm. T. Allen, R. H. Davis, A. B. Carrington, Brentsville district: S. R. Lowe, J. M. Ellicott, Coles district: W. W. Abel, Dumfries district: Geo. G. Galleher, Wm. H. Brown, Gainesville district: Jno. L. Payne, Geo. C. Round, J. T. Leachman, Manassas district: S. B. Stonnell, M. C. Crouch, and Tyson Janney, Occoquan district, trustees.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Geo. C. Round was elected vice-president and Wm. H. Brown, clerk for the present school year.

Mr. Leachman, on behalf of the committee – Judge Wm. E. Lipscomb and himself – appointed by the division superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the county and district school boards with the accounts of the County Treasurer, reported that the said accounts are correct and agree. On motion of Mr. Janney the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The Manassas district school Board having reported a desire to pay \$1,000 of the loan of \$2,400 borrowed from the “Jones Legacy” fund, on motion of Mr. Round, it was Resolved. That the division superintendent and the commonwealth’s attorney are hereby appointed a committee to receive the money and re-loan the same to the Occoquan district trustees, who have applied for the same, on such terms and conditions as they may deem necessary for the protection of the interests of the school board in said fund.

Resolved, That the county treasurer, is hereby directed to pay to Coles district the interest from the “Jones Legacy” when due, February 9, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Janney, Resolved. That no legal holidays shall be recognized by the district school boards for the present school year, and if for any cause during the term there should be a suspension of the exercises of a school, such suspension, or no part thereof, shall be “made up” by the teacher on a Saturday.

Resolved, That the sum of \$30.00 is hereby appropriated to the Manassas Journal for publishing the official school business of the county and district school boards for the year 1906/07, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, That the sum of \$20.00 is hereby appropriated to the division superintendent for stationery and stamps, payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, That in the purchase of warrant books the trustees are respectfully requested to use the uniform style as printed by the Manassas Journal.

On motion of Mr. Leachman, Resolved. That the trustees in attendance on this meeting be paid \$2.00 each.

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Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund as follows: W. W. Able, S. R. Stonnell, M. C. Crouch, Tyson Janney, J. M. Ellicott, S. R. Lowe, Jno. L. Payne, Wm. T. Allen, R. H. Davis, A. B. Carrington, Geo. C. Round, Geo. G. Galleher, \$2.00, each for attending this meeting; Jno T. Leachman \$8.00, attending this meeting and three days settling with County Treasurer; Wm. E. Lipscomb \$6.00 three days settling with County Treasurer; Wm. H. Brown \$2.00 as clerk of this board; H. M. Clarkson \$15.00 stationery and stamps, 1905/06; Manassas Journal \$32.95 printing and paper for examinations; Selina Taylor \$7.50, 6 days services at teachers examination; Ada Arrington \$5.00, tuition at Fredericksburg school 1905/06.

Board Adjourned

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. Nov. 3. 1906

At a called meeting of the County School Board held at the court house this day there were present Dr.. H. M. Clarkson, division superintendent, presiding, and

Messrs.	A. B. Carrington	)	Brentsville district
	Wm. T. Allen	)	
	J. M. Ellicott	)	Coles “
	L. M. Storke	)	
	H. Howdershell	)	Gainesville “
	Wm. H. Brown	)	
	Jno. L. Payne	)	
	J. T. Leachman	)	Manassas “
	George C. Round	)	and
	M. C. Crouch	)	Occoquan “

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Round presented the following report: [newspaper article inserted here]

“To the Prince William County School Board.

“Your special committee on the Jones Legacy, begs leave to submit the following supplementary report.

“The question has been raised as to whether the said fund can in any way be used to better advantage than it now is being used, in carrying out the instructions of testator. It was suggested at one time that it be used to encourage Normal Instruction, in order to furnish our schools with teachers thoroughly equipped. While this is a very important matter, a careful consideration of the interests of the poor children in the territory, once known as Dettingen Parish, led your committee to the conclusion that there is one necessity still greater and now impending, likely to exist for a brief period at least in the immediate future.

“All of the school officers of the districts directly interested seem to have been impressed that our children should have better school houses. Brentsville school district has equipped a fine school house at Greenwich. Occoquan has just built three new school houses, and is now seriously embarrassed financially on this account. The Dumfries district board has already secured a fine school building at Potomac, and desires to erect a house at Dumfries for the better accommodation of the graded school. The Coles district board has found it necessary to expend a considerable fund in the building and preparing of school houses. The Manassas board has

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enlarged the Buckhall and Bradley houses, and at Manassas have rebuilt the Ruffner building, so that it is conceded to be now one of the best for its purposes in the state. This great improvement could not have been inaugurated at the county seat, but for the assistance rendered by the county board in loaning to the Manassas district the Jones fund. Now that the said district has notified the county board that they are ready to return the same, your committee is impressed with the idea that the best thing to be done with the said fund for the present and immediate future would be to apportion the fund among the various districts entitled to its benefits, and to authorize its use in providing suitable and convenient buildings for the children resident therein.

“The necessities of Occoquan district are especially great, owing to a disastrous fire, and to the demands of a graded school in Occoquan, and the interest of that district, all of which is situated within the Dettingen parish bounds, seem to require immediate consideration. The trustees of Manassas district have in hand enough of the funds to pay at once the apportionment to Occoquan, should the board decide to apportion the funds to the districts interested, and they have had said money in the treasury for several months.

“Considering the interest of all the districts, and the highest interest of the children named in the last will of Samuel Jones, your committee believes that the \$2400 belongs to the Jones fund should be apportioned as follows: one-fourth to Occoquan district, one-fourth to Coles district, one-fourth to Dumfries district, one-eighth to Brentsville district and one-eighth to Manassas district, said districts to be required to use the same in paying for new school houses recently erected, or to be soon erected. The funds so received should be made a levee on the real estate of the district receiving the same which district should be required to keep its buildings well insured. It is recommended that each district be required to return the said amounts on the reasonable demand of the county board after a fixed date, say the date of the annual meeting of the county school board in August 1909. At that times this board could be in a position to determine whether the advancement of the interest of “the poor children of Dettingen Parish” could be best subserved by the return of the fund, or otherwise.

“An incidental benefit from the arrangement proposed would be that no expenses need be incurred with the loaning of the fund and the collection and paying interest thereon. The fund would be used in the best possible interests of the poor children of the territory described, and would greatly improve their opportunities for an education, which would prepare them for the duties of life.”

“Respectfully submitted.”

Upon submitting the foregoing report Mr. Round stated that since one of the districts interested was not represented in this meeting, and to give the districts interested

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sufficient time to consider the matter in their meetings, he thought it better not to act upon the report at this time.

Rev. Mr. Carrington moved that the report of the committee be accepted and that action thereon be postponed for further consideration, which was adopted.

Whereupon Mr. Round offered the following: “Resolved. That the Manassas district school board, is hereby directed to issue its warrant for \$1,000 payable to the Occoquan district school board, in part payment of the bond for \$2,400 given by the Manassas district school board on February 9, 1900 to the school Board of Prince William County – the same being the fund known as the Jones Legacy. The said \$1,000 to be used by the Occoquan board in payment upon new school houses recently erected. The division superintendent is hereby directed, before the transfer of said fund, to secure the bond of the Occoquan school Board, payable two years from date thereof, with annual interest thereon. All action heretofore taken by the board not consistent with this resolution is hereby rescinded. The division superintendent is directed to see that the Manassas district school board is given due credit upon its bond, now held by the county school board.” – Resolution adopted.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund as follows: M. C. Crouch, \$2.00; J. M. Ellicott, \$2.00; L. M. Stroke \$2.00; A. B. Carrington \$2.00; Wm. T. Allen \$2.00; Geo C. Round \$2.00; J. T. Leachman \$2.00; Jno. L. Payne \$2.00; H. Howdershell \$2.00 attendance on this meeting; Wm. H. Brown, \$2.00 clerk of this meeting; Manassas journal \$1.50 – 50 postals and printing.

The president after reading some important letters from the superintendent of public instruction bearing upon educational measures of the times pronounced the meeting adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. April 8, 1907

At a called meeting of the county school board, held at the court house, there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson, division superintendent, and

Messrs. R. H. Davis, W. T. Allen,	Brentsville district
J. M. Ellicott, L. M. Storke,	Coles “
W. W. Abel,	Dumfries “
Geo. G. Galleher, Wm. H. Brown,	Gainesville “
George C. Round, J. T. Leachman, Jno. L. Payne	Manassas “
Tyson Janney & M. C. Crouch,	Occoquan dist. trustees.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The president stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of determining the amount of levies to be asked for County and District purposes for the year 1907. It was

Resolved, That the Board of Supervisors be respectfully requested to make a levy of 15 cents on the \$100. Worth of property for county school purposes, and for district purposes as follows:

Brentsville	10 cents
Coles	12½ “
Dumfries	12½ “
Gainesville	7½ “
Manassas	15 “
Occoquan	15 “

Messrs. Davis, Ellicott, Abel, Brown, Round, and Crouch were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the Board of Supervisors – then in session – upon their return the committee reported that the levies asked for had been granted, except for Manassas district which was granted 10 cents instead of 15 cents asked for.

At half past twelve o’clock a recess was taken in order to accept an invitation from the teachers of Ruffner school, extended through their committee, Mrs. Moffett and Miss Leachman, to a luncheon to be served at the school house. On motion of Mr. Janney the invitation was accepted and unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the board are tendered the teachers of Ruffner school for their hospitality, and the clerk of the board is directed to send a copy of the resolution to the teachers. The luncheon, tastefully gotten up by the ladies, was much enjoyed, as was the after dinner speeches by some of the trustees.

The excellent display, in the library, of modelling, maps, drawing, penmanship &c., to be sent to the Jamestown Exposition attracted the closest attention and elicited much

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praise. Too much can not be said complementary to the teachers and pupils of Ruffner school for this proof of their training and industry.

At the afternoon session, it was

Resolved, That the superintendent be authorized to purchase a duplicator, to cost not more than \$7.50.

Resolved, That all trustees in attendance on this meeting be paid \$2.00 each.

Warrants were directed to be drawn on the County Fund as follows: R. H. Davis \$2.00; Wm. T. Allen \$2.00; J. M. Ellicott \$2.00; L. M. Storke \$2.00; W. W. Abel \$2.00; Geo. G. Galleher \$2.00; Geo. C. Round, \$2.00; J. T. Leachman \$2.00; Jno. L. Payne \$2.00; Tyson Janney \$2.00; M. C. Crouch \$2.00; attendance on this meeting, Wm. H. Brown \$2.00 as clerk of board.

Meeting adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson, President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. August 12, 1907

At the annual meeting of the County School Board held at the court house, there were present: Dr. H. M. Clarkson, division superintendent, presiding and

Messrs. R. H. Davis	
A. B. Carrington and	
Wm. T. Allen,	Brentsville district
L. M. Storke and	
J. M. Ellicott,	Coles “
J. F. Wheat,	Dumfries “
Geo. G. Galleher, and	
Wm. H. Brown,	Gainesville “
George C. Round,	
J. T. Leachman, and	
Jno. L. Payne,	Manassas “
M. C. Crouch,	
Tyson Janney and	
S. B. Stonnell	Occoquan “

Trustees.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Geo G. Galleher was elected vice president for the present school year.

Mr. Wm. H. Brown declining re-election as clerk, after twenty years continuous service, Mr. Geo. G. Round was elected to that office.

On motion of Mr. Tyson Janney, it was unanimously Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Mr. Wm. H. Brown, our most efficient and valued clerk, we desire to express our sincere appreciation of his service during his long term of office and we hereby tender him our hearty thanks for the most painstaking manner in which he has discharged the duties of the position.

Mr. Ellicott on behalf of the committee, -- Mr. James E. Nelson and himself, -- appointed by the division superintendent to examine and compare the accounts of the county and district school boards with the accounts of the county treasurer, reported that the said accounts are correct and agree, and on motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Resolved, That the county treasurer, is hereby directed to pay to Occoquan district the interest from the “Jones Legacy” when due, February 9, 1908.

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Mr. Round offered the following – whereas it is made the duty of the county and district boards by §1481 of the Code, as amended March 15, 1906 to encourage meetings of teachers,

Resolved, That the division superintendent be empowered to associate with himself, two trustees and two teaches to be selected by him, and they are hereby authorized to make arrangements for such meetings and to request the attendance of teachers thereon and to incur such reasonable expenses in providing for the same as the state and division superintendents may advise. The president appointed Messrs. Round and Janney, Mrs. M. B. Moffitt and Miss Stella Waters on this committee.

On motion of Mr. Janney the division superintendent was requested to appoint a committee of three to report at the next meeting of the county board on any questions, appertaining to the compensation of district trustees for services rendered, outside of their regular duties. Messrs. Galleher, Davis and Ellicott were appointed as the committee.

After a full discussion as to what days should be observed, during the present school year, as legal holidays it was resolved to leave the subject to the discretion of the several district boards.

Resolved, That the sum of \$30.00 is hereby appropriated to The Manassas Journal for publishing the official school business of the county and district school boards for the year 1907/08 payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, That the sum of \$20.00 is hereby appropriated to the division superintendent for stationery and stamps, payable at the end of the school year.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas, our fellow trustee, Col. John. T. Leachman, who was one of the original trustees, appointed in 1870 at the inception of the public free school system, has signified his intention to retire from office at the expiration of his present term:

Resolved, That while we shall miss his face and his counsel, we congratulate him on his efficient and faithful service rendered his generation and pray for him all of Heaven's blessings in this life and in that which is to come.

Resolved, That all trustees in attendance on this meeting be paid \$2.00 each.

Warrants were ordered to be drawn on the County Fund as follows: R. H. Davis \$2.00; A. B. Carrington \$2.00; Wm. T. Allen \$2.00; L. M. Storke \$2.00; J. F. Wheat \$2.00; Geo. G. Galleher \$2.00; Geo. C. Round \$2.00; J. T. Leachman \$2.00; Jno. L. Payne \$2.00; Tyson Janney \$2.00; M. C. Crouch \$2.00; S. B. Stonnell \$2.00; for attendance on this meeting: J. M. Ellicott \$8.00 attendance on this meeting and settling with county treasurer; Wm. H. Brown \$2.00, clerk pro tem; Manassas Journal \$3-0.00 printing 1906/07; H. M. Clarkson \$20.00 stationery and stamps 1906/07; James E. Nelson \$6.00 three days settling with County Treasurer; A. Selina Taylor \$6.00, six days

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services, school examinations in May and July; H. M. Clarkson \$8.65 duplicator, express and printing notices.

Meeting adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Wm. H. Brown, Clerk pro tem.

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Manassas, Va. April 21, 1908.

At a called meeting of the County School Board held at the Court House this day there were present.

Dr. H. M. Clarkson	Division Superintendent,	presiding and	
Dr. M. K. Reading			
R. H. Davis			
Wm. T. Allen	of		Brentsville District
L. M. Storke,			
J. M. Ellicott			Coles “
W. W. Able			
L. Ledman			Dumfries “
S. B. Stonnell			
M. C. Crouch			Occoquan “
Geo. C. Round			
Wm. M. Wheeler			
J. L. Payne			Manassas “
H. Howdershell			
W. L. Sanders			
Geo. G. Tyler			Gainesville “

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Geo. G. Tyler was elected Clerk of the County Board in place of Mr. Geo. C. Round who had resigned that position.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Manuel, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, stating that according to a new law, the County School Board should have held a meeting in March to make estimates of the amount of County and District levies necessary for another year, and stated that this meeting was for that purpose as some of the districts wished to ask the Board of Supervisors to change the amt. of levy decided upon by them at their last meeting.

The estimates made by the board are as follows, in most cases the same as those already made by the Board of Supervisors

County	15 cts on the	\$100.00	
Brentsville Dist.	15	“	
Coles District	12½ cts on the	\$100.00	
Gainesville	12	“	
Dumfries	15	“	
Occoquan	20	“	
Manassas	25	“	Provided the Board of

Education decides to locate the Normal and Agricultural departments for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District at Manassas. If not, the levy recommended is 15 cts on the \$100.00.

Mr. Round offered the following resolution in four sections of which the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>. & 4<sup>th</sup> were adopted and the 2<sup>nd</sup> postponed for consideration at another meeting.

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Resolved 1<sup>st</sup>. That the County School Board of Pr. Wm. Co. hereby endorses and approves the action of the Manassas District Board, the Business League and Citizens of Manassas to secure the location at Manassas of the Normal and Agricultural Departments in connection with the Manassas High School and that approval is given to the estimate of the Manassas Board for that purpose, and the County School Board calls upon our Supervisors and Citizens to do all in their power to cooperate with the State Board of Education if said board shall decide on Manassas as the proper point at which to expend the appropriations for that purpose in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. If said school is not located at Manassas the levy recommended is 15¢ on the \$100.00.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Resolved that if the proposed Normal and Agricultural High school be located at Manassas this Board hereby expresses its willingness to appropriate annually the proceeds of the Jones fund of \$2400.00, and of the State Bonds of the Literary fund held by the county amounting to \$1400.00 towards the education in said High School of poor children from the districts mentioned in said funds.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Resolved that the Superintendent of Public Instruction is hereby invited to confer personally with members of this board and citizens of Manassas on the night of Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> at Manassas if that time is convenient to him, or at some other convenient time to be named by him concerning the subject matter in the action above set forth.

4<sup>th</sup>. Resolved that a Certified copy of this action of this board be sent to the Secy. Of the State Board of Education for its information.

Mr. J. Jenkyn Davies, Commonwealths Attorney appeared before the Board and called its attention to the investigation now being made of the County Treasurers accounts by the Board of Supervisors and pointed out the interests of the schools of the county in certain commissions in excess of the amt. set by law, said to have been received by said County Treasurer for handling State school funds also in certain other alleged irregularities in said Treasurers accounts, and suggested that the board take some action in the matter.

Mr. Wm. M. Wheeler then offered a resolution directing the Chairman to appoint a Committee of three to look after the interests of the school in the matter, and to make a report to the Board at its next meeting, which was adopted.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Wm. M. Wheeler, J. M. Ellicott and Geo. G. Tyler to serve on the above committee.

Mr. Round offered the following resolution which was referred to the Committee on Compensation of District Trustees.

Resolved that the County School Board order that the District Boards of the county pay to the trustees, -- except the clerks, -- a sum not to exceed \$10.00 in any one year to cover their expenses for attendance upon meetings of the County and District Boards.

Mr. Geo. C. Round was appointed a member of the Committee on Compensation of District Trustees in place of the late Geo. G. Galleher.

The following warrants were ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer.

To W. H. W. Moran, attendance at four sessions of Trustee Electoral Board	\$8.00
The Virginia Journal of Education for 69 subscriptions @ 75 cts	51.75
Wm. T. Allen – attending this meeting	2.00
R. H. Davis “ “	2.00
Dr. M. K. Reading “ “	2.00

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L. M. Storke	“	“	2.00
J. M. Ellicott	“	“	2.00
W. W. Abel	“	“	2.00
L. Ledman	“	“	2.00
S. B. Stonnell	“	“	2.00
M. C. Crouch	“	“	2.00
Geo. C. Round	“	“	2.00
Wm. M. Wheeler	“	“	2.00
J. L. Payne	“	“	2.00
H. Howdershell	“	“	2.00
W. L. Sanders	“	“	2.00
Geo. G. Tyler	“	“	2.00

Board adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Clerk

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Manassas, Va. Aug. 15, 1908.

At a regular meeting of the County School Board held at the Court House this day there were present; Dr. H. M. Clarkson Division Supt., Dr. M. K. Reading and Messrs. R. H. Davis, Wm. T. Allen, L. M. Storke, J. M. Ellicott, S. R. Lowe, L. Ledman, M. C. Crouch, Geo. C. Round, Wm. M. Wheeler, J. L. Payne, J. F. Wheat, and Geo. G. Tyler.

Mr. Geo. C. Round was reelected Vice President and Geo. G. Tyler Clerk for the coming year.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The order of business was then suspended for a short while to listen to addresses from Mrs. M. S. Moffett, Prin. Of Manassas High School on the work to be done in the new Normal training department, and Prof. Harry F. Button, Director of the Manassas Agricultural High School, on the manner in which the school is to be conducted and the results hoped for.

Both addresses were full of common sense and all present were apparently impressed with a sense of the great necessity for these initiatives and of the good they will no doubt do.

After the addresses a unanimous vote of thanks was offered to the speakers.

The order of business was then resumed.

The Committee appointed by the Div. Supt. to examine and compare the accounts of the County and District School Boards with those of the County Treasurer reported that after some corrections the accounts now agree, but that as more time was needed to verify the figures upon which the examination was based they recommended that a new committee be appointed or the present one continued to cooperate with the committee already appointed by the Board of Supervisors in examining the tax accounts of the county.

The following resolution was then passed.

Resolved, That a new committee on examination of accounts be appointed, or the present one continued to cooperate with the committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors in examining the Tax accounts of the county.

The Chairman continued the present committee with instructions to carry out the provisions of the above resolution.

It was also resolved that a committee be appointed with authority to engage the services of the attorneys now conducting the suit instituted by the Board of Supervisors against the County Treasurer, to include the interests of the schools of the county in said suit.

The Chairman continued the committee appointed at last meeting to look after the interests of the schools in the above suit and authorized them to employ the attorneys mentioned in the above resolution.

Mr. Round withdrew his resolution, offered at the last meeting and continued for consideration at this, directing that the proceeds of the Jones Legacy and the State Bonds of the Literary fund held by the county be appropriated annually to the Manassas High School to be used for the education in said High School of poor children from the districts interested in said funds, on the ground that some of the trustees from those districts were opposed to it.

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Dr. Clarkson called the attention of the board to the great value of the Va. School Journal to School teachers and offices, and urged that he be authorized to continue the subscription to all the teachers and school trustees in the county, especially as the price had been very much reduced, accordingly a resolution was passed authorizing the Div. Supt. To subscribe for the Va. School Journal for each teacher and trustee in the county at the expense of the County School Fund.

On motion of Mr. Ellicott, Thanksgiving day was declared a holiday for the coming session, the teachers to be paid for the day.

A resolution was passed directing the Chairman to appoint a committee of one to have Blank Forms printed in accordance with a new law, for the use of the District Clerks in making their annual statement of disbursements of funds etc.

Mr. J. M. Ellicott was appointed the above committee.

The Committee on Compensation of District Trustees did not make a report but the following resolution was offered by Mr. Round, which was passed.

Resolved, 1<sup>st</sup>. That this Board order the District Boards of the county, to pay to each trustee, except the clerks, for the year from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1908 to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1909 Two Dollars for each days attendance on County Board meetings and One Dollar for each days attendance on District Board meetings, not to exceed Ten Dollars in said year, to cover all their expenses for said attendance.

Resolved 2<sup>nd</sup>. That under the provisions of section one of the Act of Assembly on page 945 of the Acts of 1889 & 90 any District Board has the authority to compensate any trustee, except the clerks, for services rendered in their districts outside of attendance upon meetings at the rate of One Dollar per day, provided that no trustee shall receive more than Six Dollars in any one year for such service rendered on District account.

Resolved that the sum of \$30.00 is hereby appropriated to The Manassas Journal for publishing the official school business of the County and District School Boards for the year 1908-9 payable at the end of the school year.

Resolved, That the sum of \$20.00 is hereby appropriated to the Div. Supt. for Stationery and Stamps for the year 1908-9 payable at the end of the school year.

The following warrants were ordered to be drawn on the County fund.

Mrs. Jennie H. Bowen for acting as assistant to the Div. Supt. at the last Teachers examination, 3 days \$6.00 E. M. Cornwell for servicing as Janitor at last Teachers examination 3 days \$3.00. Dr. H. M. Clarkson Div. Supt. for Stationery and Postage for 1907-8 \$20.00.

Dr. M. R. Reading, Messrs. R. H. Davis, Wm. T. Allen, L. M. Stark, J. M. Ellicott, S. R. Lowe, L. Ledman, M. C. Crouch, Geo. C. Round, J. L. Payne, J. F. Wheat, trustees each \$2.00 for attending this meeting.

J. P. Manuel for examining accounts \$6.00.

Wm. M. Wheeler for examining accounts and attending this meeting \$6.00. Geo. G. Tyler same \$6.00.

The meeting then adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Clerk

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Manassas Sept. 17 - 1908

At a called meeting of the County School Board held this day at the Court House there were present; Dr. H. M. Clarkson Division Superintendent, Dr. M. K. Reading, Messrs. Wm. T. Allen, R. H. Davis, J. M. Ellicott, W. W. Abel, L. Ledman, S. B. Stonnell, M. C. Crouch, Geo. C. Round, C. E. Clark, Wm. M. Wheeler and Geo. G. Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

After explaining the purpose of the meeting which was to consider the work of the Committee on Examination of Accounts finished since the adjournment of the regular annual August meeting, the superintendent congratulating the trustees upon their punctual and full attendance, took occasion to inform them that the present would perhaps be the last time that he would have the pleasure of presiding over the County School Board of Prince William County.

With much feeling he assured the Board that while the thoughts of laying down his labors at the end of his term gave him a sense of relief, having been warned by a professional specialist that his eyes were in need of rest; and while to do so would be consistent with his belief that such an office should belong to a younger man; yet he could not retire from it after a period of almost seventeen years without the pain of severing ties that had been constantly strengthened by a patient courtesy and uniform support.

After expressions of surprise and regret, in the temporary absence of Dr. Clarkson in the superintendents office Mr. Ledman being in the chair, it was moved by Mr. Ellicott that a committee be appointed to embody in formal resolutions the Boards appreciation of the Division Superintendent and of their regret at the prospect of severing their association with him, which was done, Mr. Round being appointed offered the following resolution which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Whereas, our esteemed Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Henry M. Clarkson having served this county faithfully since the year 1892, has this day expressed his determination to retire at the expiration of his present term.

Resolved that the County School Board hereby places on record its high appreciation of his services and its sincere regret at the severance of official connection with one who has been so uniformly courteous to all and diligent in his arduous duties to his generation.

Resolved that we devoutly pray our Heavenly Father that He vouchsafe unto Dr. Clarkson, and his family a continuance of Divine favor and manifold mercies for this life and for the life to come.

The chairman of the committee on Examination of Accounts reported that after certain corrections their work had been completed and a final settlement made with the treasurer.

A resolution was then passed directing the District Clerks to base their reports to the Division Superintendent upon the final settlement had with the treasurer by the committee on Examination of Accounts.

Mr. Ellicott reported that he had had blank forms printed, as ordered at last meeting, for the use of District Clerks in making their annual statements of receipts and disbursements of funds.

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On motion of Mr. Round it was

Resolved, that the Division Superintendent is empowered to appoint any trustee and teacher to act as an advisory committee in connection with the introduction of text books, if he shall deem such committee as advisable or necessary.

It was announced by Mr. Round that tuition in the Normal and Training Class and Agricultural High School would be free to all students entered from the Eighth Congressional District for the present school year.

A resolution was passed directing that each District Clerk present at this meeting be paid \$2.00 for attendance.

The following warrants were ordered to be drawn on the County School funds.

Dr. H. M. Clarkson, for stationery and other articles paid for by him for use in school examinations \$6.45

Miss A. Selina Taylor, for assisting Division Superintendent in spring examinations, 3 days \$6.00

Messrs. L. Lederman, J. F. Wheat, J. M. Ellicott, Wm. Allen, and Geo. C. Round, (clerk) for attending this meeting each \$2.00

Wm. M. Wheeler, for serving on examining committee five days \$10.00

Geo. G. Tyler, for serving on examining committee 5 days and acting as clerk of this meeting \$12.00

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Clerk

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

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Manassas Va. March 20, 1909.

At the regular spring meeting of the County School Board held in the Court House this day there were present Dr. H. M. Clarkson Div. Supt. And the following trustees. Messrs. R. H. Davis, Wm. T. Allen, J. M. Ellicott, Edward Clark, Geo. R. Brawner, W. L. Sanders, Geo. C. Round, Wm. M. Wheeler, Jno. L. Payne, M. C. Crouch, L. Ledman and Geo. G. Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The commonwealths attorney appeared before the board and called attention to a new law in regard to the appointment and salaries of Division Superintendent, which requires that the local authorities supplement the amt. paid by the state to make up the regular salary, as otherwise, two or more counties may be grouped into a single division by the state board of education with only one superintendent. After a full discussion of the matter, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Geo. C. Round, which was adopted.

Resolved. That the chairman appoint a committee to confer with the Board of Supervisors regarding the salary to be paid the superintendent of schools hereafter, with power to act on behalf of this board, to the end that the superintendent receive the salary of \$900.00, and that the present superintendent be chairman of said committee.

The chairman appointed the clerks of the several district boards upon the above committee.

The following estimates of the amounts needed for county and district school purposes for 1909/10 were made: and the board of supervisors respectfully requested to allow the same.

County Levy		15 cents on the \$100.00		
Brentsville District levy		10	“	“
Coles	“	“	12½	“
Dumfries	“	“	12½	“
Gainesville	“	“	15	“
Occoquan	“	“	20	“
Manassas District levy		25 cents on the \$100.00		

On motion, the chairman and clerk were authorized to draw a warrant on the county funds to pay the necessary expenses of the Educational Conference to be held at Manassas on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>, such as printing, room rent, and janitors services.

Warrants were ordered to be drawn upon the county funds as follows, to Geo. C. Round, J. M. Ellicott, L. Ledman, Wm. T. Allen and Geo. R. Brawner, district clerks for attending this meeting, \$2.00 each; and to Geo. G. Tyler for acting as clerk of this meeting \$2.00

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] H. M. Clarkson,  
President

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Clerk

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Manassas Va. Aug. 14th, 1909.

The regular meeting of the Co. School Board was held at the court house; Present  
Geo. G. Tyler Superintendent.

Wm. T. Allen, Dr. M. K. Reading & R. H. Davis,	Brentsville	Dist
G. M. Ellicott & S. M. Lowe	Coles	Dist
Geo. R. Brawner, C. E. Clark & Wallace Able	Dumfries	“
W. L. Sanders	Gainesville	“
Wm. M. Wheeler	Manassas	“
L. Ledman, M. C. Croech	Occoquan	“

On calling the meeting to order the Supt. thanked the Trustees for their promptness in attending the meeting; expressing a desire that all would work together in the interest of education & the general upbuilding of our Co. & suggested that the School Journal be continued as last year.

Mr. Geo. C. Round was elected Vice President; and Wm. M. Wheeler clerk for the ensuing year.

Minutes of last meeting read & adopted.

By Dr. Redding, that “Thanksgiving” be allowed the Teachers of the Co. a holiday with full pay.

By J. M. Ellicott that the Journal of Education be furnished the Trustees & Teachers of the Co. to be paid for out of Co. funds.

Ordered that the Manassas Journal be paid \$30.00 for publishing the official business of the Co. & Dis. School Boards.

Ordered that Division Supt. Be allowed \$20.00 for stationery and Stamps for the ensuing year.

Ordered that the school funds for the year 1909 & 10 be apportioned according to school population.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treas. reported that they had completed their work & recommended that in future settlements the School Board and the Board of Supervisors cooperate in the annual settlement; each board appointing a member of their respective Boards & the Board of Supervisors appointing a third man, which three, shall constitute a committee to settle with the Treasurer for both Boards as we find that both your committee & the committee from the Board of Supervisors have to go over the same accounts & can make their estimates from the same calculations; this we think would be a saving to both Boards.

By Dr. Redding that the members of the examining committee be paid \$3.00 per day for their services. Adopted.

By C. E. Clarke that the Clerks of the local Boards be paid \$2.00 each for their attendance at this meeting. Adopted.

Ordered that Mrs. J. H. Bowen be paid \$2.00 per day for assisting Superintendent in Spring examinations.

By Dr. Reading that the Manassas School Board be allowed \$5.00 for Mr. Bibbs services as janitor during Spring and Summer examinations; 3 days each.

Ordered that warrants be drawn on Co. fund  
to Geo. C. Round for Manassas School Board 5.00

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“ J. P. Manuel for settling with Treas. 4 days	12.00
“ R. A. Hutchinson “ “ “ 3 “	9.00
“ Wm. M. Wheeler “ “ “ 4 “	
and clerk 1 “	15.00
“ Mrs. J. H. Bowen assisting Supt 3 “	6.00
“ Manassas Journal, Co. Printing	30.00
“ Dr. H. M. Clarkson, Stationery & postage	20.00
“ L. Ledman attending this meeting	2.00
“ J. M. Ellicott “ “ “	2.00
“ Geo. R. Brawner “ “ “	2.00
“ W. J. Allen “ “ “	2.00
“ W. L. Sanders “ “ “	<u>2.00</u>
	\$107.00

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Pres.

[signed] Wm. M. Wheeler, Clerk

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Manassas Va March 14/10

The meeting of the Co. School Board convened at the Court House on March 14<sup>th</sup> and was called to order by Supt. Geo. G. Tyler, minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Present Brentsville Dis. R. H. Davis

Coles Dis. J. M. Ellicott, B. W. Starke

Dumfries “ Geo R. Brawner, C. E. Clarke

Gainesville “ W. L. Sanders, H. Howdershell

Manassas “ J. L. Payne, Geo. C. Round & Wm. M Wheeler

Occoquan “ L Ledman, M. C. Crouch

Levies for School purposes were agreed to as follows

Brentsville	Co.	18¢	District	15¢
Coles District	“	15¢	“	17½¢
Dumfries “	“	15¢	“	15¢
Gainesville “	“	15¢	“	18¢
Manassas “	“	15¢	“	25¢
Occoquan “	“	15¢	“	20¢

Mr. Round in the chair, Supt. Tyler spoke on the importance of trustees attending the meeting of trustees of the State to be held in Richmond next Nov. and urged the Dis. Boards to send delegates, and suggested that the sum of \$10. Be allowed those attending this meeting.

By Mr. Howdershell, that the Clerk of each Dis. Board be appointed a committee to apportion the School funds & report at next meeting; adopted.

By Mr. Clarke that the Clerks of the Dis. Boards be allowed 2.00 each for attending this meeting; adop.

By Mr. Ledman, that the levies as adopted be reconsidered; lost by a vote of 8 to 4.

Mrs. M. S. Moffett spoke of many improvements need; and the necessity of an increase of the pay of the teachers in the Co. especially those in this district: especially those who gave their time and many in preparing themselves work for better P.W. Gibson teacher of Manassas colored school made a statement as to the improvements needed at his school; such as poor buildings & small grounds.

[signed] Wm. M. Wheeler, Clerk

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Prest

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Manassas Va August 15<sup>th</sup> 1910

The regular meeting of the County School Board convened at the Court House & was called to order by Geo. G. Tyler Division Superintendent, Present:

Brentsville District. M. K. Redding  
 Coles “ J. M. Ellicott, S. M. Lowe  
 Dumfries “ Wallace Able  
 Gainesville “ W. L. Sanders, H. Howdershell & M. H. Lightner  
 Manassas “ Geo. C. Round, Wm. M Wheeler  
 Occoquan “ L Ledman, M. C. Crouch

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Occoquan	“	15¢	“	20¢

Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer reported for each district, report adopted.

Census report from each district read and approved.

By Dr. Redding; That Supt. Geo. G. Tyler be paid \$3.00 per day for assisting in annual settlement with County Treasurer. Adopted.

By Mr. Round, That a Teacher Institute be held at Manassas on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Adopted.

By Dr. Redding, That Wm. M. Wheeler be allowed four dollars per day for settling with Treasurer. Adopted.

By Mr. Round, That the Superintendent be requested to order the School Journal for teachers and trustees. Adopted.

On motion the district Clerks were allowed two dollars each for attending this meeting.

By J. M. Ellicott, That the district Clerks constitute a board to apportion the County School funds; and report at next meeting. Adopted.

By Mr. Ledman, That Thanksgiving be allowed a Holliday to teachers with regular pay; adopted.

By Mr. Ellicott, That the Superintendent be allowed twenty dollars for stationery &c. adopted.

By Mr. Round, That the Manassas Journal be allowed Thirty dollars for doing the County School printing; adopted.

The census report was reported by districts as follows

Brentsville District,	white children	434)	
Brentsville	“ colored “	65)	499
Coles District,	white children	371)	
“ “	colored “	26)	397

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Dumfries District,	white children	312)	
“ “	colored “	162)	474
Gainesville District,	white children	373)	
“ “	colored “	348)	747 [sic]
Manassas District,	white children	875)	
“ “	colored “	414)	1289
Occoquan District,	white children	251)	
“ “	colored “	111)	362

The following bills were ordered paid:

A. A. Hooff, five days attending S. B.	@2.00	10.00
Dowels Pharmacy, Paper &c		3.88
Miss A. S. Taylor, Assisting Supt.	2 days @2.00	4.00
Miss Jennie Herrell “ “ 3 “ “		6.00
Geo. G. Tyler, Salary for April, May, June & July`		79.16
“ “ “ Assisting in settling with Treasurer		12.00
“ “ “ Postage & Stationery		20.00
Manassas Journal, Printing		30.00
Wm. M. Wheeler, 4 days settling with Treasurer		
“ “ “ 1 “ clerk Co. Board @3.00		<u>19.00</u>
		\$184.04

On motion the Board adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

[signed] Wm. M. Wheeler, Clerk

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Pres.

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Manassas Va August 27/11

The Co. School Board convened at the C.H. on the call of the chairman to make Co. Div. levies for the ensuing year: was called to order by Div. Superintendent Geo. G. Tyler. Present

Brentsville Dis.	(J. A. Hooker (G. R. Cook, Clerk
Coles Dis.	J. M. Ellicott Clerk Dr. Cline Clerk Not Present
Dumfries Dis	C. E. Clarke
Gainesville Dis.	W. L. Sanders, Clerk M. H. Lightner
Occoquan Dis.	L Ledman, clerk M. C. Crouch; S. B. Stonnel
Manassas Dis.	Geo. C. Round, clerk Wm. M Wheeler

The following levies were adopted.

Brentsville	Dis. Levy	15¢	)	
Coles	“ “	17½¢	)	
Dumfries	“ “	15¢	)	15¢
Gainesville	“ “	20¢	)	
Manassas		25¢	)	

On motion of Mr. Round the Div. Supt. Was requested to arrange for a Teachers Institute to be held at the beginning of next term, about the middle of Sept 1911. Adopted.

By Mr. Hooker, That Teachers to be required to be paid for their time to pay their expenses attending the Institute. Adopted.

By Mr. Wheeler. That the Co. Board pay the expenses to the Norfolk Meeting of the boy who raises the most corn on an acre & writes in the best description of how he handles it.

By Mr. Round, That the Gov. be invited to attend the Institute meeting.

By Mr. Clarke, That the Clerk be paid 2.00 for attending this meeting

“ “ Ledman, That Dr. Clarkson’s poem be presented to having a library

Bill of Educational Journal 36.00 ordered paid

“ “ Geo. G. Tyler 58.72

Adjourned to regular Aug. meeting on call of Supt.

[signed] Wm. M. Wheeler, Clerk

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Pres.

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Manassas Va August 15<sup>th</sup> 1911

The regular August meeting of the Co. School Board convened at the C. House at 10:00 was called to order by Div. Supt. Geo. G. Tyler.

Minutes of the last meeting read, corrected and approved.

Present	Brentsville District,	J. R. Cooke, R. H. Davis
	Coles “	J. M. Ellicott, S. R. Lowe
	Dumfries “	Dr. B. C. Cline.
	Gainesville “	W. L. Sanders
	Occoquan “	L. Ledman, M. C. Crouch
	Manassas “	Geo. C. Round, A. Pringle, Wm. M. Wheeler

The Superintendent requested permission to have a daily schedule of studies printed for use in the schools.

The auditing committee reported the Co. Board had \$981.21 in the hands of the Co. Treasurer. On motion of Mr. Ledman the report was adopted.

Supt. Tyler read the following report from the committee of the financial standing of each District

Brentsville	District	Balance on Co. fund	548.53
		“ “ Div ”	<u>2,039.32</u>
		Total balance	\$2,587.85
Coles	“	Balance on Co. fund	914.38
		“ “ Div “	<u>904.41</u>
		Total balance	\$1,818.79
Dumfries	“	Balance on Co. fund	31.32
		“ “ Div “	<u>961.93</u>
		Total balance	\$993.25
Gainesville	“	Balance on Co. fund	53.24
		“ “ Div “	<u>313.96</u>
		Total balance	\$260.72
Occoquan	“	Balance on Co. fund	145.50
		“ “ Div “	<u>1,987.74</u>
		Total balance	\$2,133.24
Manassas	“	overdrawn on Co. fund	719.44
		“ “ Agri “	<u>561.84</u>
			1,281.28
		Balance on Div. Fund	<u>479.10</u>
		Total overdrawn	\$802.18

On motion of Mr. Round the subject of the Journal of Education was referred to Supt. Tyler for adjustment.

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Thanksgiving day was allowed all of the Schools in the Co. as a legal holiday.

The contract for doing the school printing was placed with the Journal at \$30.00

The expenses of one member from each district board who would attend the School Trustees meeting to be held at Norfolk this fall was allowed, not to exceed \$15.00 each.

On motion of Mr. Round The Supt., J. R. Cook and L. Ledman were appointed a committee to consider the advisability of using part of the unappropriated Co. funds for the support of the Manassas Agricultural High School.

On motion of Dr. Cline the Supt. was allowed pay for his time settling with the Co. Treasurer.

The District Clerks were allowed \$2.00 each for attending this meeting.

Mr. Geo. C. Round was elected Vice Pres. And Wm. M. Wheeler Secy. for the ensuing year.

The following bills were ordered paid

District Clerks	12.00
Miss Fannie Willis assisting Supt.	6.00
“ Lena Taylor “ “	2.00
Geo. G. Tyler Supt. Salary	79.16
“ “ “ “ Postage & cso	20.00
“ “ “ “ Settling with Treas.	12.00
Manassas Journal Printing	44.50
Dowell’s Pharmacy supplies	5.26
J. P. Manuel settling with Treasurer	12.00
H. T. Davies “ “ “	12.00
Wm. M. Wheeler “ “ “ & Clerk	<u>15.00</u>
	219.92
Balance in Treasury	761.29
In hands of Treasurer	<u>981.21</u>
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[signed] Wm. M. Wheeler, Clerk

At the above meeting Supt. Geo. G. Tyler was given permission to have printing done where necessary.

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At a regular meeting of the County School Board held at the Court House on March 25, 1912 There were present Div. Supt. Geo G. Tyler President and the following trustees

Manassas	Dist.	Boston Steele, C. E. Nash & D. J. Arrington
Brentsville	“	R. H. Davis, J. R. Cook & J. A. Winters[?]
Coles	“	J. M. Ellicott
Dumfries	“	Dr. D. C. Cline
Occoquan	“	Corbin Thompson, M. C. Crouch & L. Ledman
Gainesville	“	Was not represented by a trustee

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Miss Emily J. Johnson appeared before the board and explained the object of the proposed girls tomato clubs and explained that the Department of agriculture would appropriate seventy five dollars provided the School Board would appropriate a like amount to carry out the peace of said clubs. After considerable discussion the Board appropriated the necessary seventy five dollars provided there should be a club organized at Manassas, one in Brentsville Dist. One in Gainesville Dist. and one in Minnieville for three Dists below the run.

Levies for District School purposes were agreed to as follows

Brentsville	Dist.	15 ½ cts
Coles	“	17 ½
Gainesville	“	18
Occoquan	“	20
Dumfries	“	15
Manassas	“	20 on the hundred dollars worth of property

The levy for County School purposes was 20 cts.

The Board agreed that a Teachers Institute be held about same time as last year.

It was also agreed that the Superintendent should be allowed to hold a school fair during the Summer of 1912.

The Board made an appropriation of \$15.00 to be paid in prizes to the winners in the boys Corn Clubs.

The Board also appropriated \$15.00 for prizes for the Domestic Science Classes.

One prize for the best loaf of bread

One for the best cake and one for the best candy

The Division Superintendent was authorized to purchase a mimeograph for use in his office provided he could find a satisfactory machine.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid

Geo G. Taylor Div. Supt. Salary for Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov. & Dec. 1911 and Jan. Feb. Mar. 1912, 8 mos. \$9.79 per mo.	\$158.32
The Manassas Democrat printing	16.46
The Journal Prit Co. “	15.20

On motion the different Dist. Clerks were allowed \$2.00 each for attendance upon this meeting and Clerk of Co. Board 3.00

Warrants to clerks were paid as follows

D. J. Arrington, Co. Clerk	\$3.00
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J. R. Cooke,	Dis	“	2.00
D. C. Cline	“	“	2.00
J. M. Ellicott	“	“	2.00
M. C. Crouch	trip to Norfolk		15.00

The Board adjourned

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler.  
President

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At a meeting of the County School Board held at the Court House on Tuesday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1912 there were present Geo G. Tyler President of said board and the following District Trustees

Brentsville	Dist.	J. A. Hooker, J. R. Cook & R. H. Davis
Coles	“	J. M. Ellicott
Dumfries	“	Wallace W. Abel
Gainesville	“	W. L. Sanders
Manassas	“	Boston Steele, D. J. Arrington, C. E. Nash
Occoquan	“	L. Ledman, Corbin Thompson, M. C. Crouch

On Motion Mr. Corbin Thompson was reelected Vice President and D. J. Arrington Clerk.

Report of the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer records and the same adopted

On motion of Mr. L. Ledman the Dis. Supt. Was allowed fifty dollars for postage for the year 1911-12

On motion of Mr. Thompson the Division Supt of Schools was requested to consider the advisability of appointing a colored Industrial teacher for the County and to investigate the conditions of the Jeans fund as to whether or not part of said teacher's salary could be paid out of that fund.

On motion of Mr. Hooker it was resolved that one member of each Dist. Board be allowed to attend the teachers convention to be held in the City of Richmond some time during the winter of 1912-13 and that the cost of same be paid out of the County School fund, not to exceed \$15.00 for each member so attending

On motion of Mr. Thompson a committee was appointed to make the best arrangement possible with the two newspapers of the County so that the County printing be done by both and that each be paid an equal amount.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Ellicott, Arrington and Ledman on said committee and upon request agreed to serve on said committee in place of Mr. Ledman who declined to serve.

In the matter of Va. Journal of Education it was ordered that the Div. Supt make the same arrangement as that made last year

It was ordered that a warrant for \$2.00 be drawn in favor of each Dist. Clerk attending this meeting.

Attorneys Hutchison & Davies filed their report on the chancery suit of Co. School Bd vs. Herrell which is as follows



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At a regular meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held at the Court House on Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> 1913 there were present Mr. Geo G. Tyler Division Superintendent and the following Trustees  
Brentsville Dist. J. A. Hooker, J. R. Cook & R. H. Davis  
Coles Dist. B. W. Storke  
Dumfries Dist. C. E. Clarke  
Occoquan “ Corbin Thompson, L. Ledman and C. W. Payne  
Manassas Dist. Boston Steele and D. J. Arrington

On Motion it was agreed that the Supervisors be asked to make the following levies for District school purposes

Brentsville	District	15 cts
Coles	“	17½ “
Dumfries	“	15 “
Gainesville	“	18 “
Manassas	“	25 “
Occoquan	“	20 “

And for County purposes 15 cts

On Motion of Mr. J. R. Cooke it was agreed that an appropriation of Seventy five dollars be made for prizes in the girls tomato clubs

On motion it was agreed that the Div. Supt. be allowed from two to five days during the school year for the purpose of holding teachers meetings and institutes

The report of the committee appointed to enquire as to the advisability of employing a colored industrial teacher was received and laid upon the table

The committee appointed at the last regular meeting to make the best arrangements possible with the two newspapers of the County to do the printing for the board reported that an agreement was made with the Manassas Democrat to do such printing for the sum of twenty \$20.00 dollars for the year and with the journal to do the printing at their regular rates. Mr. J. R. Cooke was called to the chair and on motion of Mr. Hooker it was agreed that it was the unanimous wish of the board that our present Superintendent Mr. G. G. Tyler be reappointed for another term and a committee of two Messrs. Cook & Arrington were appointed to draft a resolution to be forwarded to the State Board at Richmond.

It was also agreed that this board increase the salary of the Div. Supt one hundred and thirty seven dollars and fifty cents per year and a committee composed of R. W. Davis, Boston Steele and C. E. Jordan was appointed to wait upon the Board of Supervisors and also there to make the same increase.

The following bills were allowed.

Journal Publishing Co. printing	\$11.10
G. G. Tyler Div. Supt Salary to April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1912	141.63

On motion each Dist. Clerk attending this meeting was allowed \$2.00.

The board adjourned subject to the call of the president.

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince Wm County held at the Court House on Friday August the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1913, there were present Mr. Geo G. Tyler President and the following District Trustees

Brentsville Dist.		J. R. Cook
Coles	“	J. M. Ellicott & S. R. Lowe
Dumfries	“	D. C. Cline, W. W. Abel
Gainesville	“	W. B. Sanders & H. Howdershell
Manassas	“	Boston Steele, C. E. Nash & D. J. Arrington
Occoquan	“	Corbin Thompson, L. Ledman & C. H. Payne

The Superintendent was authorized to contract with the Va Journal of Education for a sufficient numbers of copies to supply each teacher in our County with one copy and one copy to each Dist. Board of Trustees.

In the matter of printing for the coming year, the same committee was continued with authority to make the same arrangements as last year if possible. If not to make the best arrangement possible with the two newspapers of the County for such printing.

It was ordered that each District board be allowed to send one of its members as a delegate to the State Teachers Institute to be held in the City of Lynchburg the cost of same to be paid out of the Co. School Fund, not to exceed \$15.00 in each District.

It was ordered that the printing committee has report blanks printed for each District and that the Supt. require each teacher to make monthly reports.

In the matter of the employment of colored industrial supervisor of schools, on motion of Mr. J. R. Cooke an appropriation of 50.00 was made to assist in the employment of such supervisor which supervisor shall be selected by the Div. Superintendent.

An appropriation of \$50.00 was made to assist in holding a school fair in the Spring of 1914

It was ordered that each Dist Clerk attending this meeting be allowed \$2.00.

The following bills were ordered paid

Dowell’s Pharmacy, tablets, clips %c County	8.04
The Manassas Journal Pub. Co.	25.35
J. E. Herrell settling with Treasurer	14.00
J. P. Manuel same	14.00
Geo. G. Tyler same	10.00
R. A. Hutchison “	9.00
G. G. Tyler salary from March to Sept 1913 and amt. paid Miss Metz & Willcoxon for assisting in examinations	194.87
D. C. Cline Clerk Dumfries Dist	2.00
J. M. Ellicott “ Coles “	2.00
J. R. Cooke “ Brentsville “	2.00
W. L. Sanders “ Gainesville “	2.00
L. Ledman Clerk Occoquan Dist	2.00

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D. J. Arrington “ Co. Board	3.00
Thos. W. Lion (for Manassas Democrat) printing contract	20.00

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler, Preside

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At a regular Semiannual meeting of the County School Board of Prince Wm County held at the Court House on Tues. March 31, 1914 there were present the following Mr. Geo. G. Tyler Division Superintendent of Schools President, Mr. Corbin Thompson Vice President and the following Dist. Trustees

Brentsville Dist.	J. R. Cook, J. T. Flory
Coles	“ J. M. Ellicott
Dumfries	“ D. C. Cline
Gainesville	“ H. Howdershell , W. L. Sanders, R. A. Rust
Occoquan	“ L. Ledman, C. H. Payne
Manassas	“ Boston Steele, C. E. Nash & D. J. Arrington

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

It was ordered that an appropriation of \$25.00 be made for prizes in the boys corn clubs and an appropriation of \$75.00 was also made for demonstration work in the girls tomato clubs

Mr. Geo. G. Tyler was elected a delegate at large from Prince Wm County to the School Convention and allowed the same for expenses \$15.00 as the other delegates

It was resolved that the County School board ask the Board of Supervisors for a levy of 20 cts. On the 100.00 for County School purposes and that if the same is allowed the Superintendent be instructed to apportion to each District the full amount of revenue raised therein by this extra 5¢ levy and not the per capita basis as the rest of the levy

Messrs. Corbin Thompson, D. J. Arrington and R. A. Rush were appointed a committee by the president to see what could be done toward obtaining the appropriation made by the last Legislature for dormitories for High Schools.

The amount of Dist levies to be asked for for Dist. School purposes are as follows

Coles	District	17½¢
Brentsville	“	20¢
Dumfries	“	20¢
Occoquan	“	30¢
Gainesville	“	15¢
Manassas	“	20¢

The following bills were presented and allowed

Manassas Journal Printing	\$33.00
T Manassas Democrat “	17.50
Geo. G. Tyler part of salary expenses in a [?]	236.00

Meeting adjourned

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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At a regular Semi-Annual meeting of the County School Board held at the Court House on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1914

There were present Mr. Geo. G. Tyler President

Mr. Corbin Thompson Vice President and the following Dist. Trustees

Brentsville                    Mr. J. R. Cook

Coles                    Dist. Mr. T. J. Woolfenden

Dumfries                    “           Messrs. W. W. Abel, Dr. D. C. Cline

Occoquan                    “           Messrs. Corbin Thompson, L. Ledman, C. H. Payne

Gainesville                    “           Messrs. W. L. Sanders, R. A. Rust

Manassas                    “           Boston Steele, C. E. Nash & D. J. Arrington, C. Nash

On motion Mr. Corbin Thompson was unanimously re-elected vice president of the Co. School Board for the ensuing year.

The report of the committee appointed to solicit contributions for boys dormitory for our High School was read and approved.

The report of the committee appointed to settle the accounts of the County funds was read and adopted subject to the delinquent tax

On motion it ordered that no school in the County be opened later than Oct 1<sup>st</sup> unless there was some good reason for a later date.

It was agreed that five days during the School term be allowed the Superintendent for holding teachers institutes

It was ordered that each Dist. Scholl board be allowed to send one of its members as a delegate to the Educational Convention to be held in the City of Richmond during Nov. 1914 and that an appropriation of fifteen dollars from the County Fund be made to defray the expenses of each delegate so attending.

An appropriation of fifteen dollars from the same fund to pay the expenses of one girl from the girls tomato club attending said teachers conference was also made

On motion it was ordered that one copy of The Va. Journal of Education be sent to each School in the County.

D. J. Arrington was instructed to make the same arrangements with the two printing companies to do the printing for the County school board for next year.

It was ordered that medical inspection be continued in our schools

The Superintendent was allowed four dollars pr-day while settling with the Treasurer

Each Dist. Clerk was allowed \$2.00 for attending this meeting

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The following bills were allowed

Geo G. Tyler 5 months salary	31.25	\$156.25
“ “ “ postage		50.00
“ “ “ paid Mrs. Willcoxen assisting in examination		10.00
“ “ “ 7 days settling with Treasurer		28.00
Dr. W. M. Clarkson 10 copies (Songs of Love and War) furnished libraries		10.00
The Manassas Democrat printing		10.75
“ “ Journal “		10.00
Mr. A. A. Hooff member School Trustee Election Bd. Attending nine meetings \$2.00 each		18.00

On Motion the meeting adjourned

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

[signed] Geo G. Tyler  
Chairman

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At a regular meeting of the County School Board held at the Court House on Thursday April first 1915 There were present Mr. Geo. G. Tyler Division Sup. Of Schools President and Corbin Thompson Vice President and the following trustees

Brentsville	Dist.	J. R. Cook, R. H. Davis and J. T. Flory
Coles	“	T. J. Woolfenden and B. W. Storke
Dumfries	“	D. C. Cline, C. E. Clark, W. W. Abel
Gainesville	“	R. A. Rust, W. L. Sanders
Occoquan	“	Corbin Thompson, L. Ledman, W. Kidwell
Manassas	“	C. E. Nash, Boston Steele, D. J. Arrington

It was ordered that medical inspection be continued in our schools

An appropriation of seventy five dollars was made for demonstration work in the girls tomato clubs

An appropriation of Twenty Five Dollars was also made for prizes in the boys corn clubs provided such clubs are organized

An appropriation of Seventy Five Dollars was made for prizes to be given at the school fair to be held during the fall of 1915

On motion of Mr. Ledman the Supt of Schools was allowed one hundred dollars additional for travelling expenses

The Board of Supervisors were asked to make the following levies for County and Dist. School purposes

County	20¢	on the hundred dollars			
Dist. Levies					
Brentsville Dist.	20	“	“	“	“
Coles	17½	“	“	“	“
Dumfries	15	“	“	“	“
Gainesville	15	“	“	“	“
Manassas	20	“	“	“	“
Occoquan	20	“	“	“	“

On motion each Dist. Clerk was allowed \$2.00 for attending this meeting

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid

Geo G. Tyler Div. Supt. 7 mos. Salary	\$218.75
Same for amt advanced for prizes school fair	45.50
Same “ “ “ expenses teachers association	3.00
Manassas Journal printing	\$18.75
“ Democrat “	19.75

The meeting then adjourned

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince William Co. held at the Court House on Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> 1915 There were present Mr. Geo. G. Tyler President, Mr. Corbin Thompson Vice President and trustees from the different Dists as follows

Coles, Jas. Luck, Thos. Woolfenden

Brentsville, J. R. Cook, R. H. Davis & J. T. Flory

Dumfries, W. W. Abel, D. C. Cline

Gainesville, R. A. Rust, W. L. Sanders

Manassas, C. E. Nash, Boston Steele, & D. J. Arrington

Occoquan, L. Ledman, Corbin Thompson, & Nath. Kidwell

On motion Mr. Thompson was re-elected vice president and D. J. Arrington clerk

Mr. Thomson offered the following resolution, which was adopted

Whereas the superintendent of schools has reported that an account of the complicated nature of the County Accounts, owing to the litigation of a number of tax bills the auditing committee has found it impossible to complete the annual settlement of the school accounts with the County treasurer in time to report the same to this meeting.

Therefor be it resolved that the president is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of two members of this board who shall act for the same in examining and passing upon the report of the auditing committee and shall also order the payment of the members of the committee for this work.

On motion five days during the school term of 1915-16 was allowed the Superintendent for holding teachers meetings

In the matter of subscriptions to the Virginia Journal of Education it was ordered that one copy be sent to each school in the County

An appropriation of ten dollars was made to pay the expenses of one delegate to Harrisonburg from girls tomato club.

An appropriation was made to defray the expenses one delegate from each District attending the teachers and trustees convention to be held in the City of Richmond in November 1915 the amount not to exceed fifteen dollars for each delegate so attending.

The following bills allowed and ordered paid

Manassas Democrat printing one half year contract	10.00
“ Journal “ “ “ “ “ “	10.00
Geo G. Tyler Salary 5 mos, postage travelling expense	317.00

The different District clerks presented their census reports and the same were accepted.

[signed] Geo. G. Tyler President

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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At a regular semi annual meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held at the Court House on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1916. There were present Mr. G. G. Tyler President, Corbin Thompson Vice Pres. and the following trustees

Brentsville	Dist.	J. . Flory, J. R. Cook &, R. H. Davis
Coles	Dist.	Thos. Woolfenden, B. W. Storke & Jas. Luck Jr.
Dumfries	“	D. C. Cline
Gainesville	“	R. A. Rust, W. L. Saunders
Occoquan	“	Corbin Thompson, L. Ledman, W. Kidwell
Manassas	“	C. E. Nash, Boston Steele, & D. J. Arrington

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

The following resolution upon the death of Dr. H. M. Clarkson former Superintendent of Schools of our County was adopted

“Whereas: Almighty God in his All-Wise providence has seen fit to call home to his reward Dr. H. M. Clarkson, a loyal and faithful servant of Prince Wm. County.

First, He ministering to the afflicted, sick and suffering, bringing Sunshine and joy into the homes he visited as a physician in the practice of his profession He was as faithful in the home as on the battlefield where he distinguished himself, as a gentleman physician and soldier, not only of the army but of the Cross.

Second, He very efficiently and faithfully filled the office of County Superintendent of Schools, going from District to District visiting schools in term tense. How earnest he was in trying to have the best schools and best school officers, and when he wielded the gavel in semi-annual sessions of the board how careful he was to it impartially, seeming to think of the thoughts and feelings of others first.

We therefore feel we have lost a valuable member from the medical profession, from the educational side of life, and from the County in which he resided. But the God of Heaven help us to realize that our earthly loss is his heavenly gain.

Therefore be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family. A copy spread upon the minutes of the County School board of Prince William Co. and a copy be Printed in each of our County Newspapers.”

The board of supervisors were asked to make the following levies for Dist. and County school purposes.

Coles	Dist	20 cts
Brentsville	“	22½ “
Dumfries	“	17½ “
Manassas	“	22½ “
Occoquan	“	22½ “
And for Co. School Purposes		25 “

On motion of Mr. Thompson an appropriation of Seventy five \$75.00 was continued for the year 1916 for demonstration work in the girls tomato clubs. On motion of Mr. Nash and amended b y Mr. Cooke, an appropriation of Sixty dollars \$60.00 was allowed toward salary of a colored supervisor of rural Schools.

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Messrs. Nash, Thompson, Saunders, Rush, Steele, Cook and Arrington voting for and Messrs. Ledman and Kidwell against appropriation.

The following bills were allowed

Va. Journal of Education	\$40.50
Manassas Journal	47.00
“ Democrat	10.00
G. G. Tyler Salary as superintendent 7 mos.	218.75

On motion each Dist. Clerk attending this meeting was allowed \$2.00

The meeting then adjourned.

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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The Regular Semi-annual meeting of the County School Board of Prince Wm. County was held at the Court House on Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> 1916.

There were present Mr. Cas. R. McDonald President, Corbin Thompson Vice President and the following trustees

Brentsville	District	none
Coles	Dist.	Thomas Woolfenden
Dumfries	“	Dr. D. C. Cline
Gainesville	“	W. L. Saunders, R. A. Rust,

At a called meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> 1916 there were present

Mr. Chas. R. McDonald President, Corbin Thompson Vice President and the following District trustees

Brentsville	Dist.	J. T. Flory and R. H. Davis
Coles	“	Jas. Luck and Thos Woolfenden
Occoquan	“	Corbin Thompson, W. Kidwell, E. S. Brochette
Gainesville	“	W. L. Saunders
Dumfries	“	Dr. D. C. Cline
Manassas	“	C. E. Nash, Boston Steele, & D. J. Arrington

On motion of Mr. Thompson duly seconded by Mr. Nash it was ordered that the necessary travelling expenses of the members of the County School Board attending County Board Meetings should be paid out of the County School fund.

On motion of Mr. Thompson it was ordered that the Division Supt of Schools together with two members of the County School Board appointed by himself be authorized to loan the funds of one School District of Prince Wm County, where such District is not using her surplus, to another District of said County provided it is not in violation of law

In reference to the appropriation toward Normal Training department of our High School at Manassas, it was agreed that the Board [?] to the wishes of State Superintendent Stearns to pay one hundred and twelve 50/100 per year out of the School funds of Manassas District and a like amount from the County School fund. Provided however that a majority of the Counties of the State shall do likewise.

The appropriation of fifteen dollars was made to defray the expenses of the Division Superintendent while attending the Va Educational Conference to be held in the City of Richmond during Nov. 1916.

The following bills were allowed

Mr. Chas R. McDonald settling with County Treasurer	26.00
Money advances prizes School fair	3.00
Geo. G. Tyler Settling with Treasurer	26.00
R. A. Hutchison “ “ “	18.00

The President and secretary were authorized to draw warrants to pay for certain books purchased by Division Superintendent

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned

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[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

At a called meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> 1916 there were present

Mr. Chas. R. McDonald President, Corbin Thompson Vice President and the following District trustees

Brentsville	Dist.	J. T. Flory and R. H. Davis
Coles	“	Jas. Luck and Thos Woolfenden
Occoquan	“	Corbin Thompson, W. Kidwell, E. S. Brochette
Gainesville	“	W. L. Saunders
Dumfries	“	Dr. D. C. Cline
Manassas	“	C. E. Nash, Boston Steele, & D. J. Arrington

On motion of Mr. Thompson duly seconded by Mr. Nash it was ordered that the necessary travelling expenses of the members of the County School Board attending County Board Meetings should be paid out of the County School fund.

On motion of Mr. Thompson it was ordered that the Division Supt of Schools together with two members of the County School Board appointed by himself be authorized to loan the funds of one School District of Prince Wm County, where such District is not using her surplus, to another District of said County provided it is not in violation of law

In reference to the appropriation toward Normal Training department of our High School at Manassas, it was agreed that the Board [?] to the wishes of State Superintendent Stearns to pay one hundred and twelve 50/100 per year out of the School funds of Manassas District and a like amount from the County School fund. Provided however that a majority of the Counties of the State shall do likewise.

The appropriation of fifteen dollars was made to defray the expenses of the Division Superintendent while attending the Va Educational Conference to be held in the City of Richmond during Nov. 1916.

The following bills were allowed

Mr. Chas R. McDonald settling with County Treasurer	26.00
Money advances prizes School fair	3.00
Geo. G. Tyler Settling with Treasurer	26.00
R. A. Hutchison “ “ “	18.00

The President and secretary were authorized to draw warrants to pay for certain books purchased by Division Superintendent

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held at the Court House on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1917 there were present Mr. Chas. R. McDonald President, Mr. Corbin Thompson Vice President and Dis trustees as follows

Brentsville	Dist.	J. R. Cooke and R. H. Davis
Coles	“	Thos. Woolfenden and Jas. Luck Jr.
Dumfries	“	Dr. D. C. Cline
Gainesville	“	W. L. Saunders and R. A. Rust
Manassas	“	C. E. Nash, Boston Steele, and D. J. Arrington
Occoquan	“	Corbin Thompson, W. Kidwell, E. S. Brochette

The President called upon the clerk of each District board for a report of the schools in his respective District

Miss Lillian M. Gilbert appeared before the board and made a report of the progress being made in the girls tomato clubs in the County

An appropriation of \$50.00 was made to defray the expenses of two girls from the Canning Clubs for a ten days course at the Harrisonburg Normal

On Motion of Mr. Steele an appropriation of \$24.00 = \$12.00 \* \$8.00 \* \$4.00 was made for three prizes in the poultry clubs

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted

Resolved that it the sense of this board that the salary now paid our Superintendent of Schools is insufficient for the amount of work to be done.

We therefore increase his Salary from thirty one \$31.00 to fifty \$50.00 per month payable out of the County School fund and respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to increase his salary to \$30.00 per month payable out of the County fund

The Superintendent was authorized to have stationary printed for each Dist School board in the County

On motion each District clerk was allowed \$2.00 for his attendance upon this meeting

The Board of Supervisors were asked make the following levies for County and District school purposes

For County school purposes		25¢ on the \$100.00
For Dist purposes		
Coles	Dist	25¢ “ “ “
Brentsville	“	25¢ “ “ “
Gainesville	“	25¢ “ “ “
Dumfries	“	25¢ “ “ “
Manassas	“	25¢ “ “ “

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Occoquan “	25¢ “ “ “	
The following bills were allowed		
Manassas Journal printing		\$73.35
” Democrat “		12.82
Meeting adjourned		
[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk		

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince William County held at the Court House on Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917 there were present Mr. Charles R. McDonald Division Superintendent and the following trustees.

Brentsville	District	Rev. J. R. Cooke and R. H. Davis
Coles	“	Thomas Woolfenden
Dumfries	“	Dr. D. C. Cline
Gainesville	“	W. L. Saunders & R. A. Rust
Manassas	“	C. E. Nash, Boston Steele, and D. J. Arrington
Occoquan	“	Walter Kidwell and E. S. Brochette

On motion an appropriation of eighty dollars was made to pay the prizes awarded at the last school fair. The amount by districts is as follows

Brentsville	District	\$19.00
Coles	“	10.00
Gainesville	“	16.00
Manassas	“	5.00
Dumfries	“ to be reported	

An appropriation of one hundred dollars was made to assist in employing a Supervisor of Colored rural Schools of the County.

An appropriation of fifteen dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, was made to defray the expenses of one trustee from each District who shall attend the teachers and trustees convention to be held in the City of Richmond during Nov 1917

On motion the Division Superintendent was authorized to send one copy of the Virginia Journal of Education to each teacher in the public schools of the county

The following bills were allowed and ordered to be paid

The Manassas Journal Semi-annual contract and job printing	\$20.50
The Manassas Democrat Semi-annual contract	\$10.00
Mr. Chas. R. McDonald expenses to Richmond on Call of State Supt. Of Schools	15.91
H. D. Wenrich County Cup for School fair	12.50

Travelling expenses of trustees were allowed as follows

Thos. Woolfenden \$1.00, Dr. D. C. Cline \$1.30, E. S. Brochette \$1.45,  
Walter Kidwell \$1.00, R. H. Davis \$1.00, R. A. Rush \$1.00, W. L. Sanders \$1.50

No further business appearing the Meeting adjourned.

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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At a called meeting of the County School Board held at the Court House on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 1918 there were present

Mr. Chas R. McDonald President and the following trustees

Coles	Dist.	Thomas Woolfenden
Brentsville	“	Rev. J. R. Cooke
Dumfries	“	Dr. D. C. Cline
Gainesville	“	R. A. Rush
Occoquan	“	Corbin Thompson, Walter Kidwell & E. S. Brochette
Manassas	“	C. E. Nash, D. J. Arrington

The attorney for the Commonwealth Mr. Thos. H. Lion and Supervisors Dawson and Russell were present and conferred with the school board as to the tax to be levied for county and district school purposes

On motion the Supr. Of Schools was authorized to apportion the County School fund so as to maintain a uniform term throughout the County

An appropriation of one hundred Dollars from the County School fund was made to be used by Miss L. V. Gilbert for prizes in the tomato clubs, poultry, pig and corn clubs as she may think best.

It was ordered that an appropriation of Seventy dollars be made for the purchase of a typewriter for the use of the County demonstration agents and the director of agriculture to be kept in the office of the demonstration agent

The Supt of Schools was authorized to purchase a suitable letter file for use in his office.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid

The Manassas Democrat semi-annual contract & job work	30.08
“ “ Journal “ “ “ “ “	46.92
Lucas Bros. [??]	2.80

Meeting adjourned subject to call of Supt.

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince Wm. County held on Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1918 there were present

Mr. Chas R. McDonald President

Corbin Thompson Vice President and the following trustees

Coles	Dist.	Thos. Woolfenden, Jas. Luck & W. B. Stork
Dumfries	“	D. C. Cline, E. L. Perry and C. E. Clarke
Brentsville	“	J. R. Cooke, R. H. Davis and J. T. Flory
Occoquan	“	Corbin Thompson, E. S. Brochette
Gainesville	“	R. A. Rush and W. L. Sanders
Manassas	“	C. E. Nash, S. C. Harley and D. J. Arrington

The meeting was called to order by the chairman and the minutes of the preceding were read and approved

It was the unanimous opinion of the board that owing to the high cost of all kinds of building material, furniture, labor and @ that it was not practicable to put up any new school buildings at this time.

After a very lengthy discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted  
Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to apportion the County School funds as heretofore, and to apply any surplus to the liquidation of any debt accruing for teachers salaries for any District in the County for the term of 1917 & 18

The following purchasing committee for the purchase of school supplies for the term of 1918 & 19 was appointed Chas. R. McDonald, J. J. Arrington and C. E. Nash

On Motion the meeting adjourned

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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The County School Board of prince Wm. Co. met at the Court House on Tuesday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1918 with the following members present

Chas. R. McDonald President

Corbin Thompson Vice President and the following District Trustees

Brentsville district	Rev. J. Royal Cooke
Coles “	Jas. Luck and Thos. Woolfenden
Dumfries “	Dr. D. C. Cline and C. E. Clarke
Manassas “	D. J. Arrington
Gainesville “	R. A. Rust and W. L. Sanders
Occoquan “	Walter Kidwell and E. S. Brochette

The following bills were presented and ordered to be paid

The Manassas Democrat printing	\$13.05
The Manassas Journal printing invitations High School Commencement	\$5.25
Same other job printing for Co. School Board	13.75
R. A. Hutchison five days settling with Treas.	20.00
Chas R. McDonald eight “ “ “ “	32.00
Miss E. H. Osbourn expenses to Richmond to secure teacher for Normal training for Manassas High School	8.80
Prince William Hotel Entertaining speaker for High School Commencement	2.50
Dr. Forrest Speaker for commencement travelling expenses to Manassas	5.68
Miss E. H. Osbourn Postage	18.85
Mrs. R. J. Adamson Ribbons for commencement 1917 & 1918	1.82

An appropriation of five hundred dollars was made to match a like amount to be appropriated by the State Board of Education to employ a County Supervisor of rural schools

In reference to the law recently enacted by the Legislature on Compulsory education, The Superintendent was authorized to have a sufficient number of copies printed and distributed throughout the County so that each patron may become familiar with the provisions thereof.

An appropriation from the County School fund of one hundred dollars was made to be used toward the salary of a colored demonstration agent for the County

The following resolution was adopted

Resolved that the County School board authorize the several district boards to appropriate a sum not to exceed ten dollars per year for each trustee for his expenses and salary for attendance upon the meetings of the County and district boards

An appropriation of [space left blank] was made for [space left blank] copies of the Va. Journal of Education, one copy to be sent to each school and one copy to each trustee in the County.

On motion the meeting adjourned

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[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince Wm. County held at the Court House on Wednesday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1919 there were present

Charles R. McDonald President Corbin Thompson Vice President Thos. D. Eason  
Supervisor of Agricultural Schools of the State. J. L. Dawson and J. J. Conner of the  
County Board of Supervisors and the following trustees

Coles	District	Thos. Woolfenden & Jas. Luck Jr.
Occoquan	“	Walter Kidwell and E. S. Brochette
Brentsville	“	J. T. Flory
Gainesville	“	W. L. Sanders
Manassas	“	C. E. Nash & D. J. Arrington

The object of this meeting was to secure if possible the cooperation of the County board of Supervisors and others in raising sufficient funds to make much needed improvements in and additions to the Manuel to [?] shops of the Manassas agricultural High School. After a lengthy discussion of the matter by Mr. Eason representing the agricultural schools of the state and Messrs. Dawson and Conner of the Board of Supervisors it was found not expedient to make an appropriation for that purpose at this time.

The following bills were presented and ordered to be paid

The Manassas Journal printing	\$45.10
“ “ Democrat “	\$28.50

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned.

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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[Note: The following newspaper clipping from The Manassas Journal, April 4, 1919, was attached to page 297 of the School Board Minutes, Book #1. No other record of this meeting was found in the Minute Book.]

**COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

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**Appropriations – District Budgets – Address by R. Walton Moore.**

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The meeting of the county school board was held on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, with the following members present: President, Chas. R. McDonald; vice-resident, Corbin Thompson; Coles district, Thomas Woolfenden; Brentsville district, R. H. Davis, Rev. J. R. Cooke; Dumfries district, Dr. D. C. Cline, E. L. Perry; Occoquan district, E. S. Brockett, Walter Kidwell; Manassas district, C. E. Nash, S. C. Harley, D. J. Arrington; Gainesville district, W. L. Sanders, R. A. Rust.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Manassas Journal, ribbons, etc., \$5.00; Democrat, job printing, \$8.25; Virginia Journal of Education, 75 subscriptions, \$56.25.

An appropriation of \$50 was made for prizes, in the form of special courses at Blacksburg and Harrisonburg, for those doing the best work in home demonstration work under the direction of Miss Lillian V. Gilbert. A larger amount has usually been given, but there was a balance left from last year's appropriation, so only \$50 was appropriated. More will be given subsequently if it is needed.

Clerks of the various districts presented budgets for the coming year, which were adopted and are as follows:

Brentsville, \$12,580; Coles, \$5,671.92; Dumfries, \$16,240; Gainesville, \$12,299; Manassas, \$27,210; Occoquan, \$15,395.

Hon.; R. Walton Moore, who was a town visitor on that day, addressed the board in behalf of the Health Campaign. He stated that Fairfax county, one of the first counties to adopt the plan, had raised \$10,000, \$2,000 being contributed by the board of supervisors. The need of the work was shown by Dr. Flannigan, who has conducted up to the present, an investigation among 1,200 children, 900 of whom were defective in one or more respects. Among the rest of the proportion is likely to be the same.

A lake, with clear and seemingly pure water, had five or six polluted streams running into it, any one of which was sufficient to act as a menace to health in the county.

Of specimens taken from 700 children for chemical analysis, 400 were found to be troubled with some disease.

The Red Cross was planning to contribute \$1,000 for the county inspection.

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Mr. Moore expressed a willingness to help to bring Prince William county up to a similar high standard in health investigation, protection and preservation.

At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince Wm. County held at the Courthouse on Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> 1919 there were present

Charles R. McDonald President Corbin Thompson Vice President and the following trustees

Brentsville Dist.	J. T. Flory
Coles “	Thos. Woolfenden
Dumfries “	Dr. D. C. Cline
Gainesville “	W. L. Sanders & S. W. Hunt, Jr.
Manassas “	C. E. Nash, A. C. Harly & D. J. Arrington
Occoquan “	Corbin Thompson & Walter Kidwell

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

This meeting was called for the purpose of appointing a committee to settle the accounts of the County School boards with the Treasurer

On motion the following committee was appointed for that purpose

Chas. R. McDonald, Robb A. Hutchison and Geo. G. Tyler

The president and secretary were authorized to sign and forward the report of the above committee to the Department when complete.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid

Manassas Democrat	\$13.00
Manassas Journal	11.50

[signed] D. J. Arrington, Clerk

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince William Co held on Tuesday Aug 26, 1919 there were present

Chas R. McDonald President

Corbin Thompson Vice-President

And the following Trustees

Coles District Thos. Woolfenden

Gainesville “ R. A. Rust

Brentsville “ J. Royal Cooke

Occoquan “ E. S. Brockett, Walter Kidwell & C. Thompson

Dumfries “ Dr. D. C. Cline

Manassas “ S. C. Harley, D. J. Arrington

The following resolution to be forwarded to the hon. C. A. Sinclair House of Delegates, Richmond, Va. Was unanimously adopted.

The County School Board now in session unanimously begs your earnest support to such legislation as will meet the present financial needs of the school system and enable us to hold good teachers in the schools.

We are now short of competent teachers & unless relief is granted our schools must suffer.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved – That Rachel Berry be continued as Home Demonstration Agent for Col. Schools of the County and that our part of the salary be provided as follows:

Fifty Dollars to be paid by Gainesville Dist. School Fund and One Hundred & Thirty Dollars to be paid out of the County Fund.

Resolved that the Treasurer of the County be allowed a commission of one per ct. for receiving & disbursing the regular State School Funds.

On motion the meeting adjourned

[signed] D. J. Arrington Clerk

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At a meeting of the Prince William County School Board at the courthouse of the said county in Manassas, Virginia, on Saturday, January 10, 1920, there were present: Charles R. McDonald, president; Corbin Thompson, vice-president, and the following district trustees: R. H. Davis, Brentsville district; R. A. Rust and W. L. Sanders, Gainesville district; E. S. Brockett, Occoquan District, and Dr. C. R. C. Johnson, S. C. Harley and D. J. Arrington, Manassas district.

Miss E. H. Osbourn, principal of Manassas high School, appeared before the board and explained the financial and other troubles of the Manassas schools.

Mr. J. P. Leachman, Dr. C. R. C. Johnson and others spoke in the interest of the Manassas high and graded schools.

On motion of Mr. Brockett, the Superintendent was authorized to lend to Manassas district from the surplus funds of any district enough money to relieve the present indebtedness of the Manassas schools.

A committee of two—R. A. Rust and Dr. C. R. C. Johnson—was appointed to audit with the county treasurer the school funds of the county, the committee to meet about February 15.

On motion of Mr. Rust it was agreed that each district this year shall pay to Manassas district the sum of \$45 for each pupil from its respective territory who attend the Manassas school. Brentsville district voted No and Occoquan district agreed to pay only for pupils in the high school above the second year.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. R. McDonald, expenses to Richmond	\$16.20
Manassas Democrat, printing	15.50
Manassas Journal, “	25.50
Dowell’s Pharmacy, typewriter ribbon &c	1.81

On motion the meeting adjourned.

[signed] D. J. Arrington  
Clerk

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince Wm. County held at the courthouse on Friday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1920 there were present Charles R. McDonald, president; Corbin Thompson, vice-president, and the following trustees

Coles	Dist.	Tomas Woolfenden and Jas. Luck
Brentsville	“	Rev. J. R. Cooke and J. T. Flory
Gainesville	“	W. L. Sanders, R. A. Rust and S. W. Hunt
Dumfries	“	Dr. D. C. Cline
Manassas	“	C. R. C. Johnson & S. C. Harley
Occoquan	“	C. Thompson, W. Kidwell, M. Duncan

Rev. Mr. Gibson appeared before the board and spoke in favor of the County health Survey. After considerable discussion it was unanimously agreed that no action be taken in the matter.

A general discussion of the proposed constitutional amendments followed. No action was taken.

On motion of Mr. Cooke the salary of Rashail Berry was raised to three hundred dollars of which Gainesville Dist. Agrees to pay one hundred

Holidays were declared the same as before viz Thanksgiving day

On motion of Mr. Woolfenden the Supt. Was allowed three day to hold an institute and that teachers be paid for attending said institute

On motion teachers were allowed their regular salaries while attending the State teachers association not to exceed two days.

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At a meeting of the County School Board of Prince Wm. County held at the courthouse on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1922 The following gentlemen were present. Mr. Charles R. McDonald  
President

Coles	Dist.	Tomas Woolfenden and Jas. Luck
Brentsville	“	W. F. Hale
Dumfries	“	Dr. D. C. Cline & C. E. Clarke
Manassas	“	was not represented
Occoquan	“	W. A. Kidwell, W. S. Lynn & E. S. Brockett
Gainesville	“	W. L. Sanders

W. S. Lynn was elected Vice President in the rem of Corbin Thompson deceased and D. J. Arrington was re-elected Clerk

It was ordered that the Va Journal of Education be furnished to each teacher and trustee in the County to be paid for out of the County School fund

It was ordered that all teachers be allowed Thanksgiving day as a holiday with pay

Supt McDonald was directed to allow teachers regular pay for three days attending institutes including mileage.

W. F. Hale of Brentsville Dist. And W. S. Lynn of Occoquan Dist appeared and qualified as members of the School board of their respective Districts.

Meeting adjourned.

[signed] W. L. Sanders Clerk pro tem