

EDUCATION



This sizeable commercial building built in 1907 burned down seven years later.
Where was it and, in addition to the post office, who were the tenants?

[Located at the northwest corner of Main and Newton Streets and known as the "Masonic Building," it included a drug store, a grocery, an express company, and the deputy sheriff's office, as well as the post office. Likely the St. Bernard's AF and AM Hall was on the second floor.]

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Superintendent's Report

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Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased that in 2011 the Southborough community continued its strong tradition of support for quality education. Because of the valued partnership with parents, educators, and community members, the Southborough Public Schools have been able to provide students with opportunities to excel in academics, practice skills related to social responsibility, reinforce critical thinking, and become comfortable with the technological demands needed for success in the 21st Century.

The following are a few highlights from 2011. Please consult our district webpage at www.nsboro.k12.ma.us for more details about the Southborough Public Schools.

- Finn School principal Mary Ryan retired after fourteen years of dedicated service to the Southborough Public Schools; James Randell, principal of Woodward School, assumed the leadership of both Woodward and Finn on July 1st.
- The Worcester School Committee recognized Finn School for the Boots and Books collection that was instituted this past year on behalf of Chandler Street Elementary School in Worcester.
- The Woodward School received the International Reading Association Exemplary Program Award in 2011. The dedication and hard work of the entire staff led to the development of an exemplary reading program that won recognition on both the state and national level.
- The Southborough Organization for Schools (SOS) and the Southborough Education Foundation (SEF) continued to be strong supports for all of our schools. The investment and involvement of interested parents and community members have had a very positive effect on the learning environment for students.
- The development and refinement of the weekly school meeting has strengthened the entire Neary School community; students and teachers have appreciated having the opportunity to share common goals and to start each week with a celebration of individual and group accomplishments.
- Eight additional interactive eno boards were installed at Neary and appropriate professional development was provided; the maintenance upgrades at Neary School this past summer included new tile work, an oil tank removal, and bathroom renovations.
- A partnership between Trottier Middle School and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has led to the implementation of ASSISTments, an interactive online database that provides teachers with a remarkable amount of student performance data in mathematics.
- Building-based curriculum efforts at Trottier include a transition to the new Common Core Standards. Because many staff members have had extensive training in Atlas Rubicon Curriculum Mapping software, they will utilize this technology to implement and organize the identified changes.
- Comprehensive student support teams, well established in all four Southborough Schools, continued to function well this year; these teams provide assistance and interventions to students who are challenged by disabilities, learning differences, and/or life events beyond their control.
- Student Support Services personnel continued to partner with general education teachers to customize instructional assistance to meet the unique challenges that individual students encounter.
- The Southborough schools continue to maximize technology integration by using free and low cost web-based applications; despite fiscal constraints we continue to take some steps toward upgrading networks and replacing the oldest computers in the schools.
- A new district-wide technology plan has been developed; meetings with many stakeholders continue to take place to strategize ways to implement the important technology initiatives in the three-year plan.
- The Southborough schools continue to work diligently to seek additional funding through grants that are available through public and private sources. Staff members continue to celebrate current and innovative practices within their classrooms and at the district level through grant writing activities.

Superintendent's Report (continued)

- The professional development offered to the Southborough staff members supports the mission and goals of our district as well as individual professional growth plans. We continue to explore new opportunities for learning through webinars, online learning, and traditional delivery of professional development activities.

Grants

The following is a brief summary of the federal and state grants Southborough Public Schools received in 2011. Three federal grants are administered through the Office of the Assistant Superintendent. The Office of Student Support Services administers another three federal grants. The Essential School Health Services grant falls under the auspices of the Nurse Leader, and the state Kindergarten grant is monitored by the Business Office and the Superintendent.

Title I Entitlement Grant - \$29,613

Title I provides funding for interventions that benefit underachieving students by helping students from Woodward, Neary and Trottier schools meet state performance standards. Title I funding is distributed based on a federal formula. Students receive assistance based strictly on academic criteria.

Title II Part A - Improving Educator Quality - \$20,652

This grant provides funds for high-quality professional development, including consultant fees, leadership training opportunities for educators, coverage for teachers participating in mandated training, and stipends for summer curriculum projects. The grant also pays for training regarding methods of instruction for English Language Learners.

Quality Full-Day Kindergarten Grant - \$56,260

The purpose of these funds is to enhance the educational experience of children currently in full-day kindergarten classrooms. The focus is on improving the quality and continuity of curriculum across preschool, kindergarten, and grade one. The district uses these funds to defray the cost of kindergarten instructional aides.

Early Childhood Special Education Allocation - \$32,784 Consolidated Grant

This grant guarantees that young children with disabilities are placed in high-quality inclusive programs that meet the federal and state requirements for the least restrictive learning environment. The funds pay for part of the costs of the preschool integrated programs, with emphasis on services for medically fragile children.

SPED Program Improvement Allocation - \$17,954

The purpose of this federal grant is to offer professional development to both special education and regular education personnel in order to improve service delivery for children with identified disabilities. Students in Southborough benefit through educator involvement in workshops, seminars, and site-based consultations.

Federal Special Education Entitlement - \$352,515

This annual federal entitlement grant is allocated to ensure that students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate education through the provision of special education and related services. The district utilizes these funds to defray some of the costs involved in meeting students' complex, individual learning needs. A number of special education positions are funded through this grant as well as training and consultation for classroom teachers, special education teachers, and therapists.

Grants (continued)

Title III English Language Acquisition - \$22,668 Consolidated Grant

The purpose of this consolidated grant, shared by the Northborough, Southborough, and Northborough-Southborough Regional School Districts, is to offer supplemental services to children whose first language is not English. Funds are used to provide these children with the assistance needed to perform challenging academic work at proficient levels.

Essential School Health Services - \$86,100 Consolidated Grant

This past year the Massachusetts Department of Public Health continued to award a health services grant to the Northborough, Southborough, and Northborough-Southborough Regional School Districts. The purpose of these funds is to improve health services to all school children. A number of nursing positions are funded through this grant.

SOUTHBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS <i>Enrollment by Grades</i> <i>October 3, 2011</i>

<i>School</i>	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<i>Total</i>
Finn	37	129	115								281
Woodward				160	150						310
Neary						157	183				340
Trottier								186	164	159	509
Total	37	129	115	160	150	157	183	186	164	159	1,440

Town of Southborough School Financial Statement

For the 2011 Fiscal Year - July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

APPROPRIATION:

Regular Education	\$ 11,467,568	
Special Education	\$ 4,979,158	
Total Beginning Appropriation		<u>\$ 16,446,726</u>

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EXPENDITURES:

REGULAR DAY PROGRAMS

ADMINISTRATION:

School Committee	\$ 12,984	
Superintendent's Office	\$ 95,645	
Administrative Support Services	\$ 318,507	
Total Administration		<u>\$ 427,137</u>

INSTRUCTION:

Supervision	\$ 38,862	
Principals' Offices	\$ 848,951	
Teaching	\$ 7,009,037	
(includes Salaries, Supplies and Materials)		
Professional Development	\$ 66,598	
Textbooks & Instructional Equip	\$ 367,589	
Library Services	\$ 272,505	
Guidance Services	\$ 224,535	
Total Instruction		<u>\$ 8,828,076</u>

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:

Attendance Services	\$ 500	
Health Services	\$ 265,809	
Pupil Transportation	\$ 346,962	
Cafeteria Services	\$ -	
After School Activities	\$ 22,396	
Student Body Activities	\$ 25,330	
Total Other School Services		<u>\$ 660,997</u>

OPERATION OF PLANTS:

Custodial Services (Salaries & Supplies)	\$ 681,654	
Heating	\$ 153,462	
Electricity	\$ 275,508	
Telephones	\$ 15,501	
Gas	\$ 361	
Water	\$ 20,104	
Technology Telecommunications	\$ 27,348	
Total Operation of Plants		<u>\$ 1,173,938</u>

MAINTENANCE:

Grounds	\$ 13,584	
Buildings	\$ 183,255	
Equipment	\$ 93,980	
Extraordinary Maint	\$ 24,482	
Technology Maintenance	\$ 30,590	
Total Maintenance		<u>\$ 345,891</u>

LEASE OF BUILDING & EQUIPMENT: \$ 4,133

TUITION OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: \$ 7,611

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES,
REGULAR DAY PROGRAMS** \$ 11,447,782

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Legal Services	\$ 12,664	
Supervision	\$ 123,725	
Teaching (Salaries & Supplies)	\$ 2,674,375	
Professional Development	\$ 2,188	
Psychological Services	\$ 287,641	
Health Services	\$ 52,621	
Transportation	\$ 386,457	
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 7,594	
Programs - Other Schools in Massachusetts	\$ 1,315,094	
Payments to Collaboratives	\$ 111,935	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, SPECIAL EDUCATION		<u>\$ 4,974,295</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 16,422,076

BALANCE RETURNED TO GENERAL FUND: \$ 24,650

SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT

INCOME:

Cash Balance from FY10	\$ 3,709	
Total Receipts, FY11	\$ 285,607	
Total Revenues		<u>\$ 289,316</u>

EXPENSES:

Total Expenditures, FY11	\$ 278,847	<u>\$ 278,847</u>
BALANCE TO FY12		<u>\$ 10,469</u>

KINDERGARTEN ENHANCEMENT

Expenditures	\$ 58,000	
Unexpended Balance	\$ -	
Total Grant Received		<u>\$ 58,000</u>

TITLE 1

Expenditures	\$ 25,140	
Unexpended Balance	\$ -	
Total Grant Received		<u>\$ 25,140</u>

ARRA - FY2011 SFSF

Expenditures	\$ 14,175	
Unexpended Balance	\$ -	
Total Grant Received		<u>\$ 14,175</u>