

TILTON-NORTHFIELD SUPERVISORY UNION #59

Tilton, N. H.
July 17, 1947

Mrs. Elsie L. Evans, Chairman
Mrs. Amy O. Hawkins
Mr. Thomas S. Edwards

Dear Members of the Gilmanton School Board:

Unintentional human errors sometimes occur in any person's work. This is so in the interpretation of the action taken at the recent special school district meeting. Therefore, there is an immediate endeavor to find the proper interpretation, to regret the earlier impression, and to seek ways to correct the error.

The action at the special School District Meeting on July 7, 1947 was:

"Voted that the extra sum of state aid money made available by act of 1947 Legislature (\$3,107.07) be used to reduce the town appropriation of school year 1947-1948."

By this action, the 1947-8 appropriation for schools is to be \$13,997.99. The State Aid check which the School District should receive in December next is \$8,138.07 (est.). The net cash on hand June 30, 1947 may be \$940.55, so the total funds to support the schools for the next year will be about \$23,076.61.

As members of the School Board, you will want an acknowledgment of the fault in the original set of figures which you considered. Furthermore, if you wish to have copies of this letter sent to the names on the mailing list which you have used in the past to furnish information on Gilmanton schools, that will be done promptly so that your position in the matter will be clear.

Very truly yours,



Donald P. Mattoon
Supt. of Schools

G I L M A N T O N S C H O O L D I S T R I C T

July 12, 1947

TO RESIDENTS OF GILMANTON:

The Gilmanton School Board has established the practice of sending information on school matters through the mail to residents of Gilmanton. The members think you will be interested in these

STATEMENTS ON SCHOOL FINANCES

1947-1948

STATEMENT #1

In January 1947, the School Board prepared a School Budget for the 1947-1948 school year to meet increased expenses and to maintain good schools. It anticipated:

- (1) An increase in cost of books and school materials;
- (2) A school enrollment which might require the employment of six teachers at salaries around \$2000 each, a music teacher and a drawing teacher each on a part-time basis, and occasional substitutes;
- (3) The use of the same school transportation that was available last year;
- (4) Improving the janitor service at the Corner School by more nearly full-time employment, duplicating the efficient service rendered at the Iron Works School;
- (5) Probable increases in charges for high school tuition at Alton, Belmont, Laconia, Pittsfield, and Rochester; and
- (6) The receipt of State Aid to the extent of \$5,031.00, an amount similar to the preceding year.

STATEMENT #2

The School Board held three public meetings so interested citizens could discuss school matters, and mailed to all residents several mimeographed letters giving information which might be useful to voters in acting on the Articles in the Warrant at the annual school district meeting.

STATEMENT #3

The School Budget for the 1947-8 school year, published in the last Town Report, was presented for the approval of the voters on April 7, 1947. The Budget is shown on the next sheet under COLUMN 1.

G I L M A N T O N

COLUMN 1 COLUMN 2 COLUMN 3
 BUDGET PRESENTED APRIL 14, 1947 REDUCTIONS TO MEET ASSESSMENT VOTED APRIL 14, 1947 REDUCTIONS TO MEET LOWER STATE AID VOTED JULY 7.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
Teachers' Salaries	\$12,500.00	\$10,300.00	\$10,200.00
Textbooks	275.00	275.00	275.00
Scholars' Supplies	325.00	300.00	300.00
Flags and Appurtenances	10.00	10.00	10.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	25.00	25.00	25.00
Janitor Service	650.00	760.00	760.00
Fuel	560.00	560.00	560.00
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	115.00	115.00	115.00
Minor Repairs and Replacements	450.00	450.00	450.00
Medical Inspection	275.00	275.00	275.00
Transportation of Pupils	6,500.00	5,634.55	5,022.00
Elementary Tuition	108.00	0.00	0.00
Other Special Activities	50.00	35.00	25.00
	<u>21,735.00</u>	<u>18,729.55</u>	<u>18,017.00</u>

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Salaries of District Officers	125.00	125.00	125.00
Superintendent's Salary	426.00	426.00	452.00
Traffic Officer and Census	30.00	30.00	30.00
High School Tuition	4,945.00	4,590.00	4,000.00
Per Capita Tax	298.00	298.00	298.00
Fixed Charges--Insurance Reser.	33.00	33.00	33.00
Fixed Charges--Retirement	129.00	129.00	129.00
New Equipment	50.00	50.00	50.00
Other Obligations	152.00	152.00	152.00

Total Estimated Expenses	28,031.00	24,562.55	23,286.00
Estimated State Aid Receipts	5,031.00	7,437.49	5,031.00
	<u>23,000.00</u>	<u>17,125.06</u>	<u>18,255.00</u>

Assessment		17,125.06	14,017.99
	Gross Deficiency		4,237.01
	Net cash on hand		940.55
Probable Deficit			<u>3,296.46</u>

16,650.99
 8,138.07
24,789.06

17,125.06
 2,633.
19,758.06
 5,031.00
24,789.06

17,125.06
 3,107.07
14,017.99
 2,003
16,650.99

STATEMENT #4

On April 14, 1947, the voters approved an assessment of \$17,125.06, which with State Aid of \$7,437.49 proposed under House Bill #12 then before the New Hampshire Legislature, would provide the funds to operate the schools of Gilmanon in 1947-8. The School Board then made a new budget. Under this budget, shown in COLUMN 2 of the preceding sheet,

- (1) There would be no part-time teacher of drawing;
- (2) There would be five teachers employed, continuing the crowded conditions at the Corner School for another year;
- (3) The amount paid for school transportation would be reduced; and
- (4) It was hoped that at least \$7,439.49 in State Aid would be forthcoming.

STATEMENT #5

Bids were requested on school transportation in compliance with the vote at the school district meeting in April. The School Board has accepted those bids which appear most advantageous to the district at a saving of \$1000 or more in 1947-8 over 1946-7, and not anticipating the loss of State Aid by District action in July, made contracts in June for school transportation.

STATEMENT #6

With an assessment of \$17,125.06, there has been a concerted effort to secure Gilmanon residents with teaching experience to serve as teachers. The Board has not filled all the positions yet, though contracts have been considered for some.

STATEMENT #7

The acceptance of State Aid by a school district brings some responsibilities. One of these is recognizing a recently-adopted minimum salary scale for teachers. Under present regulations, no person may be employed in a teaching position at less than \$1700. One with a certificate must be paid at least \$1800; with four years of teacher-training and three years of teaching experience, the salary paid must be at least \$2000.

STATEMENT #8

In 1947-8 Gilmanon has been granted estimated State Aid of \$8,138.07. On July 7, 1947, the voters, in a motion so recorded, allotted \$3,107.07 (est.) to the reduction of taxes on real estate for school purposes, and the balance, \$5,031.00, to current school expenses. By this action, the funds available to the school board have been still further reduced. They have been cut \$2,408.49 more than was indicated by the decision on April 14, 1947.

19,758.06
17,125.06

2,633
19,125.06

STATEMENT #9

April 14, 1947 -- assessment for schools -- \$17,105.06
 July 7, 1947-- reduction in State Aid (subtr) 3,107.07

Net assessment now available to the schools
 for 1947-1948 14,017.99

State Aid allotted by District vote (add) 5,031.00

Funds for the operation of schools
 1947-8 19,048.99

* * * * * How many services will \$19,048.99 pay for????

Teachers' salaries(estimated) at least \$10,200.00
 Transportation at the proposed new rates 5,022.00
 High School Tuition at present rates 4,000.00
19,222.00

COMPARE

Where are the funds to pay for

- BOOKS?
- SUPPLIES?
- FUEL?
- JANITORS?
- REPAIRS?
- INSURANCE?
- CENSUS?
- MEDICAL INSPECTION?

C O M P A R E

Funds of \$19,048.99

with costs of
 \$19,222.00 without
 expenditures for
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STATEMENT #10

There is NO likelihood that the Gilmanton schools can be operated in 1947-8 on \$19,222.00.

If cash on hand not already earmarked by agreements for Academy repairs and Iron Works improvements is used, this will furnish about \$19,990.54.

Even with the curtailments that the School Board proposes and the savings which have already been made, there will be a DEFICIENCY.

14,017.99
2,633.00
 16,650.99

14,017.99
 8,138.07

 22,156.06

STATEMENT #11

With an assessment of \$14,017.99, State Aid of \$5,031.00, and net cash on hand of less than \$1,000.00, there is no possibility of financing the costs of Gilmanton Schools in 1947-8 without a deficit.

STATEMENT #12

Though the funds provided by the district under the Municipal Budget Law may not be exceeded by the school board under normal conditions, the voters at the school district meeting on April 14, 1947 further instructed the School Board not to exceed the appropriation and the budget.

Under the Municipal Budget Law, there is a way for the school board to deal with the current situation. It is applying to the State Board of Education for a hearing to have an emergency declared and to give the school board the authority to make expenditures or incur liabilities for the operation of Gilmanton schools during 1947-8 in excess of funds apparently available.

July 12, 1947

SCHOOL BOARD OF GILMANTON

Elsie L. Evans; Chairman
Amy O. Hawkins,
Thomas S. Edwards.

MINIMUM SALARIES FOR TEACHERS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1947

1. Any teacher having less than four years of college preparation and less than five years of successful teaching experience at the beginning of the school year shall receive not less than \$1700 per school year.
2. Any regularly certificated teacher having less than four years of college preparation but having five years or more of successful teaching experience at the beginning of the school year shall receive not less than \$1800 per school year.
3. Any regularly certificated teacher having four years or more of college preparation but less than three years of successful teaching experience at the beginning of the school year shall receive not less than \$1800 per school year.
4. Any regularly certificated teacher having four or more years of college preparation and three or more years of successful teaching experience at the beginning of the school year shall receive not less than \$2000 per school year.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Gilmanton in the
County of Belknap in said State, qualified
(L.S.) to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said
Gilmanton on Saturday, the 19th day of October, next
at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the
following subject:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the
Selectmen to sell the tract of land on which the Potter
School House, so called, is located.

Given under our hands and seal, this 3rd
day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred
and forty-six.

Howard A. Langley

Horace F. Partridge

Morse E. Brown

Selectmen of Gilmanton

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

Selectmen of Gilmanton

Sept. 28, 1946

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at Gilmanston Corner Postoffice, being a public place in said Town, on the 28th-day of September, 1946

Howard H. Langley
Horace F. Partridge
Morse E. Brown

To be filed immediately after the district meeting

New Hampshire
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DIVISION OF STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS

RETURN OF DISTRICT REVENUE, 1946 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GILMANTON

Support of Schools

School Board budget of necessary expenses of	(High)	\$.....	
Instruction, Operation and Special Activities	(Elem.)	\$.....	\$ 14,561.00

Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries of district officers	\$ 125.00	
Truant officer and school census	\$ 30.00	
Superintendent's excess salary	\$ 358.00	
\$2-per capita tax for supervision	\$ 300.00	
Payment of principal of debt	\$.....	
Payment of interest on debt	\$.....	
Tuition in high schools and academies	\$3,300.00	
*Other obligations imposed by law or established by district	\$ 354.00	\$ 4,467.00

Special Appropriations

For	\$.....	
	\$.....	
	\$.....	
	\$.....	
	\$.....	\$.....
Total amount of school board's budget and special appropriations made by district		\$ 19,028.00
Deduction for estimated income of district from sources other than current taxation		\$ 4,535.94
Amount to be raised by taxation for budget and appropriations		\$ 14,492.06

Authorization to Incur Debt

For \$.....

Certificates

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the
 Gilmanton school district held March 9, 1946.
 Hattie P. Kelley
 Clerk of the School District.

TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for 1946, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board.

March 19, 1946.
 Elsie L. Evans
 Chairman of the School Board.

*This item includes legal obligations such as judgments, orders of the State Department of Health or complaint, necessary rent and costs of authorized administration and insurance. Repairs in excess of 5% of the school money, new equipment and major construction must be raised under special articles in the warrant.

