

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Cases Active January 1, 1964.....	8
Cases Added During 1964.....	5
Cases Closed During 1964.....	6
Cases Active December 31, 1964.....	7

TOWN APPROPRIATION

Appropriation.....		\$6,000.00
Cancelled Check.....		20.35
		\$6,020.35
Expenditures.....	\$6,018.45	
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1964.....		\$ 1.90

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1964.....		\$1,577.40
Received from Federal Government.....		6,928.00
Cancelled Checks.....		130.95
		\$8,636.35
Expenditures.....	\$5,650.85	
Balance December 31, 1964.....		\$2,985.50
Accounts Receivable.....		\$1,289.57
Cash Received from State to (Estimated Receipts).....		\$3,953.84

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Cases Active January 1, 1964.....	11
Cases Added During 1964.....	1
Cases Closed During 1964.....	2
Cases Active December 31, 1964.....	10

TOWN APPROPRIATION

Appropriation.....		\$6,000.00
Cash Paid on Payrolls.....	\$5,746.25	
Paid Other Cities and Towns.....	250.44	
		\$5,996.69
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1964.....		\$ 3.31

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1964.....		\$7,392.54
Received from Federal Government.....		6,700.00
Cancelled Checks.....		64.60
		\$14,157.14
Cash Paid on Payrolls.....	\$6,325.32	
Balance December 31, 1964.....		\$7,831.82
Cash Received from State to (Estimated Receipts).....		\$4,272.16

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AGED

Cases Active January 1, 1964	5
Cases Added During 1964	1
Cases Closed During 1964	2
Cases Active December 31, 1964	4

TOWN APPROPRIATION

Appropriation	\$9,000.00
Cancelled Check	7.50
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	\$9,007.50
Cash Paid on Payrolls	\$7,521.87
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1964	\$1,485.63

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1964	\$7,773.63
Received from Federal Government	4,925.11
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	\$12,698.74
Cash Paid on Payrolls	\$3,110.10
Balance December 31, 1964	\$9,588.64
Cash Received from State to (Estimated Receipts)	\$3,735.02

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN FLYNN, *Chairman*
 CHARLES MELVILLE
 WILLIAM PATULLO
 BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
 By: MARY H. CANTWELL, *Director*



SOUTHEAST HAMPDEN WELFARE DISTRICT

The following is the report of the Southeast Hampden Welfare District, comprising the towns of Monson, Hampden and Wales.

Balance as of January 1, 1964	\$ 4,124.67
Payments from Towns Comprising District:	
Monson	2,600.00
Hampden	800.00
Wales	800.00
Received from Federal Government	6,480.66
Received from State	4,687.56
	\$19,492.89
Expenditures	\$18,469.07
Balance Forward	\$ 1,023.82

EXPENDITURES

Salaries: Director, Social Worker, Jr. Clerk and Typist	\$16,247.00
Salary: District Treasurer	100.00
Treasurer Hampden County Retirement	877.09
Wm. P. Stone, P.M. (Stamps)	100.00
Travel and Conference Expense	
Director and Social Worker	466.67
Town of Monson (Rent)	180.00
Frederick J. Sullivan, Jr. (Bond)	6.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	281.88
Supplies and Forms	141.43
American Druggist Directory	9.00
Broadway Office Supply Co. (Desk)	40.00
James Collins, Treasurer (Adm. Dues)	10.00
Mass. Public Welfare Conference	10.00
	\$18,469.07

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. CANTWELL,
Director

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 1964 there were seven hundred and fifty-nine permits granted.

These were as follows:

New Houses	107
Apartment House	1
Fire House	1
Post Office	1
Store and Office Building	1
Service Station	1
Pavillion	1
Garage	1
Barns	4
Sheds	2
Tool Shed	1
Additions to Houses	13
Alterations to Houses	3
Addition to School	1
Addition to Telephone Exchange	1
Alterations to Shed	1
Demolish Houses	4
Demolish Church Building	1
Demolish Barn	1
Demolish Repair Garage	1
Demolish Shed	1

Electrical:

New Houses	112
Addition to School	1
Post Office	1
Service Changes	32
Water Heaters	10
Dryers	5
Oil Burners	3

Plumbing:

New Houses	106
Alterations	14
Additions	1
Septic Tanks	121
Wells	95
Gas	110

Inspections:

Building	413
Electrical	405
Plumbing	553

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT,
Building Commissioner

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals held eight public hearings during 1964.

The petition of John Siano for a variance from the Zoning By-Laws was denied.

The petition of Raymond Feeney for a variance from the Zoning By-Laws was granted with restrictions.

The request of Alton E. Gleason for a Special Permit for a permitted use was granted with restrictions.

The petition of Robert Sazama, Jr. for a variance from the Building By-Laws was granted with restrictions.

The request of Norman Drapeau for a Special Permit for a permitted use was granted with restrictions.

The request of David Munsell for a Special Permit for a permitted use was granted with restrictions.

The petition of George Levakis for a variance from the Zoning By-Laws was granted with restrictions.

The request of Craig Powers for a Special Permit for a permitted use was denied.

The Board wishes to express their appreciation to Janet Newton for her conscientious and efficient work as Clerk to the Board of Appeals and to the Town Officials for their help and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DALTON PHILPOTT
LAWRENCE SULLIVAN
WALTER LUNDEN
RICHARD JALBERT
BERT NIETUPSKI

Alternates:

STANLEY WITKOP, JR.
JOHN OWENS

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

George A. Patric, prior to his death on March 30, 1964, inspected and stamped 1 beef, 1 sheep, 4 hogs and 1 veal.

(MRS.) GLADYS PATRIC

Since I was appointed Inspector of Slaughtering on April 1, 1964, there have been no animals to inspect.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD DICKINSON

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

Having completed the search for Gypsy moth egg clusters, I wish to report very few clusters were found.

A few were found in the wooded area near the Monson line.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON,
Moth Superintendent

DUTCH ELM COMMITTEE REPORT

Elm trees were sprayed in May and July.

Ten elms were found diseased from the samples sent to the University of Massachusetts. They were cut and burned.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to report the following:

Both cemeteries were mowed four times. Lots with perpetual care were mowed as needed.

Portions of the land in Prospect Hill Cemetery were graded and seeded.

A new map of Prospect Hill Cemetery was completed by Mr. Frederick King.

Lots in the Old Cemetery are now available to the townspeople. The price of these lots will be determined by the number of graves wanted in the lot. The cost will be \$25.00 per grave. Lots with four graves or more will receive perpetual care, otherwise, if perpetual care is desired, there will be an extra fee.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER, *Chairman*
ERNESTINE JOHNSON
DANIEL ISHAM

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The hopes and proposals initiated in 1963 saw considerable fulfillment in 1964, though with considerable changes in the original outline. Looking back, it can truly be said that the year was one of solid progress highlighted by the important decisions which led to the key role of the District in the Comprehensive Area Transportation Study. This study, carried on by the Department of Public Works, is an essential requirement for continued Federal aid for highway development; and without the study, the Federal aid would definitely be terminated. Completion of the study by 1966 is likewise essential; and the area is fortunate in having a regional district already formed and operating, ready to participate in the study.

The beginning of 1964 saw the completion and distribution of our generalized soil survey report and map. This is the preliminary work necessary to a particularized study and the areas for that study have already been determined and the contract with the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture signed. Work on this study is far advanced, and a completed report can be expected early in 1965.

Work was proceeding briskly on our original planning program when we were called upon by the Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Public Roads, the Department of Public Works and HHFA to play a major role in the Area Transportation Study above referred to. Much rescheduling of work was required and many meetings were devoted to sorting out areas of study between the different agencies, principally to avoid duplication. It is to the credit of all concerned that these matters were successfully concluded and reduced to contract terms by August, and the new direction of our work proceeded apace. The District met this new challenge realistically, was the first to sign the new contract; and, thereunder, the District was the first to produce results, having submitted a traffic zoning and commuting pattern and a Domestic Refuse and Industrial Waste Collection and Disposal Report, all within two months of the final signing. Population studies and employment, trade and industry, health and welfare and zoning and subdivision control studies are well underway and in most cases will be completed in the first half of 1965.

Our new quarters at the Hampden County Improvement League Building in West Springfield have proved entirely adequate and we are gradually furnishing the office with drafting equipment, etc.

We were pleased with the addition of the Town of Hampden as a member and are earnestly soliciting additional communities to join, particularly Holyoke, South Hadley and Chicopee, and Longmeadow and East Longmeadow. Additional Federal funds hinge on expanded membership.

Two great undertakings face us in 1965, that of providing a professional staff and that of starting comprehensive work on an area development plan. Both go hand in hand. Up to now, The Planning Services Group has served the District extremely well and will continue to do so in 1965. However, to obtain Federal assistance on an Area Development Plan, a local professional planning staff is required. Our chief role in the Area Transportation Study is the development of an overall plan for the entire region, a truly monumental task. We are presently advertising for applicants for either a planning director or an assistant planning

director. We sincerely hope for a competent staff and with the help of our excellent consultants to achieve the transition from full-time consultants to full- or at least part-time staff.

A financial report is attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD C. PECK, JR.,
Chairman

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

March 17, 1964 to December 31, 1964

RECEIPTS

Agawam	\$ 1,257.44
Hampden	187.60
Ludlow	1,104.40
Middlefield	25.20
Southwick	411.12
Springfield	13,957.04
West Springfield	1,993.92
Westfield	2,104.48
Wilbraham	590.96
Total Receipts	\$21,632.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Rent	\$ 600.00
Telephone	201.70
Insurance	80.00
Office Expenses	36.30
Total Expenses	\$ 918.00
Payment to Mass. Dept. Commerce	\$23,883.00
Survey	1,800.00
Office Equipment	232.00
Total Disbursements	\$25,915.00

	\$26,833.00
Excess Disbursements over Receipts	5,200.84
Balance of Cash March 17, 1964	17,179.81
Balance of Cash December 31, 1964	\$11,978.97

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN SCHOOL SURVEY COMMITTEE

The School Survey Committee held its first meeting on March 30th to organize for the year. Mr. Gordon Willcutt represented the Planning Board and was elected chairman. Mr. Robert Sullivan represented the Hampden School Committee. Kenneth E. Johnson was appointed a member ex-officio and secretary to the Committee. Enrollment figures were studied and a tentative time schedule was developed.

On July 28th, the Committee held a joint meeting with the Wilbraham School Survey Committee and the chairman of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. It was agreed that each committee would develop a projected school enrollment in its respective town for comparison at a future meeting. The group also approved a suggestion that two specialists from the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission be invited to visit the school facilities in both towns and meet with the joint committees to relate their observations and recommendations.

On August 11th Mr. William Black and Mr. John Hodgen, school specialists from the School Building Assistance Commission, visited the schools in Hampden and Wilbraham. That evening they appeared at a joint meeting of both committees. It was their professional opinion that the existing Junior High school facilities in both towns lacked the needed classroom space and special facilities needed to cope with the increasing school enrollment. They strongly recommended that the survey committees seriously consider regionalizing grades seven and eight and plan for the construction of a regional junior high school. This would provide classrooms in the existing Junior High buildings for elementary grades thus delaying the construction of elementary school facilities for several years. This plan would also offer equal educational opportunities to the pupils of both towns on the Junior High level before they enter Minnechaug Regional High School. Also discussed were the financial benefits resulting from regionalization. These included additional reimbursements on the planning and construction costs from the School Building Assistance Commission and increased State aid for Chapter 70 and transportation.

The Committee held another meeting early in September and decided that the possibility of regionalizing with Wilbraham should be given further consideration. In October, after carefully reviewing enrollment projections, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the town of Hampden enter into an agreement with the town of Wilbraham to include grades seven and eight in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District and that this be brought to the attention of the voters in the form of an article at the annual town meeting in March 1965.

The Committee then met with the Hampden Selectmen and the Advisory Committee and there was unanimous agreement to the proposal. The Board of Selectmen agreed to request the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee to vote to include grades seven and eight in the District and to prepare the necessary changes in the existing agreement for consideration at the annual town meeting.

The School Survey Committee recommends that careful consideration be given to its proposed plan at the annual town meeting by the voters of Hampden. By September 1965 all available classroom space in town will be utilized. If the present growth rate continues, there will be a classroom shortage by September 1966. At this time grades seven and eight can be housed in the new addition at Minnechaug until such time as a regional junior high school is constructed. This would make six rooms available in the present junior high school for needed elementary school space and prolong the need for a new elementary school for several years. Hampden

does not have the pupil enrollment needed to justify its own junior high school with its specialized facilities at the present time. The School Building Assistance Commission will return fifty-six percent of the total planning and construction costs for a regional junior high school as compared to fifty percent if Hampden were to build its own junior high school. Being a town under 5000 population, we would also receive additional aid under Chapter 70 of the General Laws and one hundred percent reimbursement of the transportation costs. In view of the careful and comprehensive study carried out by this Committee and with the support of the Hampden School Committee, Board of Selectmen, and the Advisory Committee, it is felt that this recommendation is the best possible solution to provide adequate school facilities for the boys and girls of Hampden as well as strengthen the existing educational program.

It is also recommended that a School Survey Committee be authorized at the next annual town meeting to continue a study of school needs. Also, some consideration should be given to the possibility of acquiring land for future school use.

In closing, the members of this Committee wish to thank all town officials and committees for their assistance and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON WILLCUTT, *Chairman*
 ROBERT SULLIVAN
 JOSEPH ZAHER
 YORKE PHILLIPS
 MRS. ALAN WILLIAMSON

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation March 1964.....	\$100.00
Expended to December 31, 1964.....	.00
Balance December 31, 1964.....	\$100.00

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

At the annual Town Meeting in March it was unanimously voted to authorize the School Building Committee to construct and equip a six room addition to the Hampden Elementary School. The Committee is proud to report that construction proceeded on schedule and the new addition, fully equipped, was ready for the opening of school in September. The building contractor was the J. F. Petronella Construction Company from Thompsonville, Connecticut and the addition was designed and supervised by the architectural firm of Alderman and MacNeish from West Springfield, Massachusetts.

On September 13th, the public was invited to tour the new wing, which includes six standard classrooms, boys' and girls' toilets, storeroom, faculty room, pupil services room and a reading clinic containing a school library corner. These addi-

tional features make the Hampden Elementary School an outstanding educational facility comparable to any modern elementary school in the area.

In October, the Hampden School Committee accepted the six room addition as being substantially complete. The financial report that follows is not conclusive because there is a credit for wardrobe door locks still pending. Also, the sum of \$1,500.00 is being withheld from the general contractor until the seeding and landscaping around the new addition is satisfactorily completed along with \$110.55 in architects' fees which have been encumbered until the final payment is made.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1964

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Expended To Date</i>	<i>En- cumbered</i>	<i>Closing Balance</i>
School Building Account:				
Committee Expense	\$ 37.60	\$ 32.40		\$ 5.20
 School Building Account:				
Planning	6,500.00	6,000.00		500.00
 School Building Fund:				
Construction	144,900.00	143,400.00	\$1,500.00	.00
Architects' Fees	5,600.00	5,065.06	110.55	424.39
Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00		.00
Contingency	6,200.00	2,886.10		3,313.90
Totals	\$173,237.60	\$167,383.56	\$1,610.55	\$4,243.49

The total cost of the project will be \$168,994.00 less the credit on the wardrobe doors. This will be approximately \$4,400.00 less than the construction budget adopted by the Committee last February. This balance will remain in the School Building Fund and can only be used to help finance school building projects in the future.

The School Building Committee is grateful to the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, School Committee and all other town departments for their counsel and support during the year. Also deeply appreciated was the unanimous vote of the Town Meeting Assembly which approved the project and made this much needed school facility possible.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY BEANE, *Chairman*
ANDREW MULCAHY
LOUIS LEVINE
FRANCIS BUCKLEY
LOUIS SICBALDI

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Hampden School Committee will be reviewing, with great interest, the recent report completed by the Massachusetts Education Commission on the two year study of education in the Commonwealth from the primary grades to the university level. In the past, each local community has had the responsibility of financing public education and deciding the level of the educational program. This has resulted in a wide range of educational opportunities being offered depending upon the wealth and willingness to support the schools which have existed in the various cities and towns. Hampden can be proud of its past record in providing a good educational program for its boys and girls. With limited facilities for business and industry, the burden of a rapidly increasing school population has fallen, and will continue to fall, on the home owner unless some relief is provided to supplement the property tax. It is the hope of your School Committee that towns like Hampden, who are making a real effort to support a good educational program, will be eligible for additional State aid under the incentive plan as recommended by the commission with full assessed valuations used as the tax base for determining this aid.

In June a field worker for the commission visited our schools as part of the State-wide survey and was very impressed with the facilities and school program. Of particular interest was the cooperative spirit which existed between the towns of Hampden and Wilbraham through their respective school committees in jointly bidding school supplies and sharing specialized school personnel. This observation tends to support the unanimous feeling of the Hampden School Committee that grades seven and eight should be regionalized with Wilbraham to provide a strong junior high program and relieve the critical classroom shortage which will exist in the elementary grades in the next two years.

The modern mathematics pilot study which began two years ago has been accepted by the Committee and it is expected that by September 1965 the program will be introduced in all grades. Last spring an in-service program in the new mathematics was offered by the Massachusetts University Extension for college credit. It was a tribute to the teaching staff that all of them paid tuition to attend these classes to better prepare themselves for teaching these new concepts of mathematics. Mrs. Miriam Bryans, mathematics coordinator for the Hampden schools, held a ten week workshop for parents who were interested in learning more about this new approach to arithmetic.

During the year, the Committee reviewed all existing policies and brought them up to date. Support was given to the Health Department in providing oral polio clinics during the summer. The two vacant rooms in the new addition were rented to the Cooperative Kindergarten for the school year 1964-65 and a new three year bus contract with the Palmer Motor Coach Service, Inc. was signed. The State law requires that any city or town having five or more children with an intelligence quotient under eighty must establish such a class. By vote, the School Committee is establishing such a class beginning September 1965.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge with thanks the eye testing machine donated to the Hampden schools by the Lions Club. This equipment will provide a very accurate evaluation of a pupil's eyesight as well as saving considerable time in the testing procedure.

Participation in the Hot Lunch Program continues to increase. An average of 500 hot lunches and 750 half pints of milk are served each day. This represents approximately 80% of the student body taking advantage of this program. The custodial staff deserves special commendation for the excellent maintenance of our school buildings. The girls' lavatory in the Junior High School has been modernized

and the ceiling replaced in the shop under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen. The Committee plans to concentrate on the maintenance of the Junior High School next summer to improve the general appearance of the classrooms and corridors.

The school staff continues to grow. There are now twenty full time teachers, four part time teachers, six part time supervisors and three pupil service specialists in our school system. It is expected that three full time teachers will be added next fall. The administrative, health and teaching personnel have contributed much to the success of our school program and their efforts on behalf of the children in Hampden have been deeply appreciated by this committee.

In conclusion, the Committee wishes to acknowledge, with much appreciation, the cooperation and support of the various town departments, official committees and townspeople during the past year. The public schools are the responsibility of every citizen and their continued support will be critically needed in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY BEANE, *Chairman*
 JULIA WINETROUT
 HILLIARD CLARKSON
 JEANNETTE GREEN
 ROBERT SULLIVAN

1964 FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET COMPARISONS

<i>Account</i>	<i>1964 Budget</i>	<i>1964 Expenditures</i>	<i>1964 Balances</i>	<i>1965 Budget</i>
#1000 ADMINISTRATION				
1100 School Committee	\$ 295.00	\$ 178.74	+\$ 116.26	\$ 230.00
1200 Superintendent's Office				
Superintendent's Salary	8,500.00	8,500.00	.00	8,900.00
Secretarial Salaries	3,267.00	3,267.00	.00	3,444.00
Contracted Services	550.00	509.08	+ 40.92	550.00
Supplies	210.00	404.22	- 194.22	350.00
Other expenses	300.00	130.43	+ 169.57	220.00
#2000 INSTRUCTION				
2100 Supervision	200.00	58.79	+ 141.21	200.00
2200 Principals				
Salaries	7,520.00	7,451.50	+ 68.50	7,860.00
Secretarial Salaries	1,401.00	1,401.00	.00	1,476.00
Supplies	90.00	80.26	+ 9.74	150.00
2300 Teaching				
Salaries	129,461.00	128,538.90	+ 922.10	158,144.00
Supplies	4,240.00	4,355.08	- 115.08	5,150.00
2400 Textbooks	1,600.00	2,551.47	- 951.47	2,200.00
2500 Library Services	200.00	244.89	- 44.89	200.00
2600 Audio Visual Program	25.00	33.50	- 8.50	50.00
2700 Guidance Services				
Salaries	400.00	400.00	.00	400.00
Supplies	50.00	29.05	+ 20.95	50.00

<i>Account</i>	<i>1964 Budget</i>	<i>1964 Expenditures</i>	<i>1964 Balances</i>	<i>1965 Budget</i>
2800 Psychological Services				
Salaries	200.00	200.00	.00	200.00
Secretarial Services . . .	200.00	.00 +	200.00	200.00
Supplies00	20.03 -	20.03	25.00
 #3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES				
3100 Attendance				
Salaries (S.A.C.)	1,992.00	1,522.82 +	469.18	2,032.00
Secretarial Services . . .	400.00	1.45 +	398.55	400.00
Supervisor of Attendance	25.00	25.00	.00	25.00
Other expenses	100.00	60.55 +	39.45	100.00
3200 Health Services				
Salaries	2,298.00	2,198.00 +	100.00	2,428.00
Supplies	100.00	113.19 -	13.19	150.00
Other expenses	50.00	42.96 +	7.04	50.00
3300 Pupil Transportation				
Contract	14,440.00	14,437.50 +	2.50	15,620.00
Special Education	1,080.00	1,019.52 +	60.48	1,080.00
Field Trips	500.00	97.90 +	402.10	500.00
3500 Student Body Activities				
Athletic Referees	125.00	98.75 +	26.25	125.00
Athletic Transportation	100.00	211.50 -	111.50	200.00
Athletic Supplies	175.00	212.91 -	37.91	200.00
 #4000 OPERATION AND MAIN- TENANCE OF PLANT				
4100 Operation				
Custodial Salaries	11,088.00	10,670.44 +	417.56	12,088.00
Supplies	1,600.00	1,627.84 -	27.84	1,800.00
Fuel	4,700.00	4,338.94 +	361.06	5,000.00
Utilities	3,450.00	3,624.84 -	174.84	3,700.00
4200 Maintenance				
Grounds	60.00	120.41 -	60.41	80.00
Salaries—Buildings	998.00	998.00	.00	1,010.00
Contracted Services	1,850.00	1,333.79 +	516.21	1,850.00
Supplies	700.00	734.04 -	34.04	700.00
Equipment	200.00	101.73 +	98.27	200.00
Replacement of Equipment	100.00	117.05 -	17.05	100.00
 #6000 COMMUNITY SERVICES				
6200 Community Program				
Salaries	1,000.00	831.15 +	168.85	1,000.00
Supplies	800.00	400.50 +	399.50	800.00

<i>Account</i>	<i>1964 Budget</i>	<i>1964 Expenditures</i>	<i>1964 Balances</i>	<i>1965 Budget</i>
#7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS				
7300 Equipment	500.00	499.23 +	.77	700.00
Public Law #86400	.00	.00	300.00
#9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS				
9100 Tuition				
Special Education . . .	270.00	278.70 -	8.70	320.00
Vocational	8,100.00	6,584.08 +	1,515.92	6,300.00
Adult Evening	500.00	566.50 -	66.50	600.00
TOTALS	\$216,010.00	\$211,223.23	+\$4,786.77	\$249,457.00

REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	<i>1964 Receipts</i>	<i>1965 Estimated</i>
#01210—State School Fund	\$ 27,442.00	\$ 27,015.00
Regional School District	12,616.00	13,981.00
Regional School District, Sec. 38	6,008.00	6,150.00
#01220—Salary of Superintendent	3,333.33	5,800.00
#01230—Public School Transportation	11,322.44	12,000.00
#01260—State-aided Vocational Education		
Tuition	3,074.79	3,900.00
Transportation	263.90	225.00
#01293—Special Education		
Tuition	122.70	160.00
Home Tutor	60.00	
Transportation	495.36	500.00
#01296—School Adjustment Counsellor	900.00	900.00
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	\$ 65,638.52	\$ 70,631.00
Local Appropriation for Schools, Grades 1-8	\$216,010.00	\$249,457.00
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Estimated Cost of Education from Local Taxation	\$150,371.48	\$178,826.00

LOCAL RECEIPTS

#01120—Junior High School Tuition	\$ 50.00
#01140—Rent of School Facilities	881.00
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Total Local Receipts	\$ 931.00

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of the Town of Hampden:

I hereby submit my eighth annual report for the year 1964. The annual report for 1963 as prepared by your Superintendent related to the steady, but not overwhelming, growth of our school population over the past twelve years. It suggested that a six room addition to the Elementary school would provide classroom space for grades one through eight until September 1968 and that the twenty-three room addition to Minnechaug Regional High School would provide classroom space for grades nine through twelve until 1970. Both of these facilities are now a reality after receiving unanimous approval at the annual town meeting. The six room addition to the Elementary school was occupied in September and the addition to the high school will be completed in September of 1965. Based on past experience with pupil enrollment, it appeared that school facilities would be adequate for several years.

What has happened during the course of the past year? The number of new homes being constructed or under construction in the town of Hampden exceeded any previous year. When school opened in September, 587 pupils were enrolled in grades one through eight as compared to 510 pupils in the previous year. By December, move-ins swelled the enrollment to a total of 623 pupils. This represents an overwhelming twenty-two percent increase over the number of pupils attending school the previous year as compared to a twelve percent increase in 1963 and a ten percent increase in 1962. If this trend continues, the town will be facing a population explosion which will require a complete re-evaluation of classroom needs in the year ahead and a long range plan to consider necessary school facilities in the future. Unless some immediate action is taken, the schools will be dangerously crowded by September 1965 and threatened with double sessions by September 1966. Careful consideration should be given to the report of the School Survey Committee and its recommendation that the towns of Hampden and Wilbraham regionalize grades seven and eight. With twenty-four classrooms available in the Hampden schools at the present time and with grades seven and eight a part of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District, it would be possible to house grades one through six in the present school facilities for several years before a new elementary school is needed. It is important that a school survey committee be appointed in 1965 to continue the study of future school needs and submit its recommendations to the townspeople. The Stabilization Fund, as a means of financing school construction, should again be considered. Most important, the townspeople must be kept accurately informed of the needs of our public schools and encouraged to support the growth and development of our school program so vital to the future success of the boys and girls of Hampden. The ever-increasing costs of public education in our town will continue to place a growing financial burden on the property owner as long as the property tax remains as the sole source of income for the support of education. Much personal sacrifice will be required if the present standards of education are to be continued in the years ahead.

ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1964

<i>Elementary</i>							<i>Junior High</i>		
<i>Grades</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	<i>Grades</i>	7	8
	94	90	91	74	67	58		68	49
	Total 474							Total 117	