

STATE OF



DELAWARE

Department of Public Instruction

DOVER, DEL.

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Adopted by the
State Board of Education
July 11, 1946

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Consolidation

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July 11, 1946

Blankbook #69

March 21, 1946

Mr. Charles Beith, Chairman; Townsend, Delaware
Mr. Alexander Alfree, Clerk; Townsend R. #1, Delaware

Gentlemen:

Will you please approve the attached blanks and return
one to the State Board of Education in the stamped envelope
enclosed.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

H. V. Holloway
State Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OF DELAWARE

Maurice B. Field

March 11, 1946

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Mr. Maurice B. Field
New Castle County 4-H Club Agent
Newark, Delaware

Dear Mr. Field:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 5 in regard to your use of the Blackbird School for 4-H Club work. Inasmuch as according to law the school is under the control of the local Board of Trustees; the use of the building for community purposes, is at their disposal. This Department has no objection to such use as the trustees may deem desirable.

H. V. Holloway
State Superintendent

HVH:c

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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STATE OF DELAWARE
EXTENSION SERVICE

STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF DELAWARE

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, U. S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PLANNING,
AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES
COOPERATING.

EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
AGENT WORK, HOME DEMON-
STRATION WORK, BOYS' AND
GIRLS' 4-H CLUB WORK.

NEWARK, DELAWARE

March 5, 1946

Dr. H. V. Holloway
Supt. State Board of Education
Dover, Delaware

Dear Sir:

The Blackbird 4-H Club, Mrs. Kathryn Chas, leader, has asked me to inquire of you the possibility of the use of the Blackbird School building as a Club Center. The Club is large, twenty-five members, and have no adequate meeting and group project facility.

We have contacted Mr. Alfree, secretary of the school board, Rev. Tilghman Smith, pastor of the Methodist Church across the street, the Women's Society of Christian Service of the same church, the Blackbird Home Demonstration Club and the former president of the P. T. A., all of whom see no objection to such a project from their standpoint. In fact these groups envision a Community Center use of the building which from an adult interest and supervision standpoint would be excellent.

The building is now in a bad state of disrepair, but with such community support I believe we could guarantee to put it back into usable condition and make it an asset to the neighborhood. The Club has already pledged itself to putting the windows back in shape in the event they are allowed to use the building.

Under these circumstances, will you please give careful consideration to their request and advise me accordingly. If necessary, a representative group will be glad to come see you and talk the matter over.

Blackbird, and the Blackbird 4-H Club are enthusiastic about the possibilities in this matter. I sincerely hope that a satisfactory arrangement can be made.

Respectfully yours,

Maurice B. Field

Maurice B. Field
New Castle County 4-H Club Agent

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September 24, 1945

Board of School Trustees
Blackbird District #69

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that the State Board of Education at its meeting on Friday last approved the plan for the closing of the Blackbird School for the current year and the transportation of the children to the Townsend School.

You will doubtless be called upon later in the year to approve a transfer of funds set up for the running of your school to take care of the cost of transportation and the extra costs to the Townsend District involved in this transfer.

Sincerely yours,

H. V. Holloway, Secretary

HVH:j

cc-Dr. King

Extensive handwritten notes and signatures covering the bottom half of the page, including names like "Dr. King" and "H. V. Holloway".

Sept 5. 1945

State Board of Education
Dr. H. V. Holloway

Dear Sir -

As there is no Teacher available for Blackbird School this year, We, the Parents do hereby sign a Petition for our children to be sent to Townsend School

Mrs Mildred Keeler	}	3. Children.
Mr. Geo. Keeler		
Mr + Mrs. Leonard Lambdin		1 child
Mrs Mamie Biddle		2 Children
Mrs Mildred Waters	}	1 child
Mr E Wood Waters		
Mrs Viola Stone		1 child
Mrs. George Hunt		1 child
Mrs Pearl Bailey		3 Children
Mr. + Mrs. Adelaide Nelson		2 Children
Mrs. Frances B. George		1 child
Mrs. Irene Farris		1 child
Mrs. Paul Spinning		1 Child
Mrs Emory Postler	}	1 child
Mr Emory Postler		
Mrs Joe Chas		1 Child
Mrs John Hutchinson		1 "
Mrs Amy Currie		2
Charles Deutchman	Chas E Bailey	Trustee
Alex Alfred Clark	Leonard Lambdin	Trustee

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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AND STATE SUPERINTENDENT
OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

STATE OF



DELAWARE

Department of Public Instruction

(BRANCH OFFICE)

Rooms M-220-21 Delaware Trust Building
WILMINGTON 28, DELAWARE

October 15, 1945

RURAL SUPERVISORS
ELLA J. HOLLEY
MRS. PHYLLIS M. HECK

VISITING TEACHER
MRS. MARTHA I. BARNES

SECRETARIES
MARGUERITA B. HARVEY
ALICE L. BANTA

Dr. H. V. Holloway, State Supt.
of Public Instruction
Dover, Delaware

Dear Dr. Holloway:

I finally caught up with the key to the Blackbird School last week and Mr. Alfree and I went to the building. One of the sashes was broken out entirely and the panes in most of the other windows. I am sure that most of the supplies such as pencils and paper have been taken. I took the music records to Townsend for Mrs. Field as I thought they were too tempting to intruders. I also turned over the key to Miss Ratledge the same day as she wanted to get extra texts for the new pupils from that district.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ella J. Holley".

Ella J. Holley
Supervisor

EJH/b

OCT 16 1945

October 30, 1945

Mr. Charles Beith, Chairman
Board of School Trustees
Blackbird District #69
Blackbird, Delaware

Dear Mr. Beith:

In order that we may transfer to the Townsend School District funds which were appropriated to the Blackbird District so that Townsend may take care of the children from the Blackbird School, will your Board please be good enough to approve the enclosed transfer and return to our office.

Sincerely yours,

H. V. Holloway
State Superintendent

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Enclosure

SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF DELAWARE

JAN 26 1944

JUDGES CHAMBERS

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN
ASSOCIATE JUDGE

WILMINGTON

January 25, 1944

Dr. H. V. Holloway,
State Board of Education,
Dover, Delaware.

Dear Doctor Holloway:

I have today made the following appointments to fill vacancies existing in the Board of Trustees of the Blackbird School District, No. 69:

Leonard Lambdin, whose address is Townsend, Delaware, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Theodore Ferguson, for the residue of the term expiring June 30, 1944.

Charles E. Bailey, whose address is Blackbird, Delaware, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank A. Sylvester, Jr., for the residue of the term ending June 30, 1945.

Yours very truly,

F. L. Speakman

FLS:T

January 26, 1944

Judge Frank L. Speakman
Resident Judge
New Castle County
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Judge Speakman:

Thank you for your letter of January 25
advising me of your appointments to the Board
of School Trustees at Blackbird.

Sincerely yours,

H. V. Holloway
State Superintendent

WILMINGTON

STATE OF DELAWARE
SHERIFFS OFFICE

June 14, 1937

Board of School Trustees
Blackbird District #69
Mr. Theodore Ferguson, Clerk
Blackbird, Delaware

Dear Trustees:

This is to advise you that the State Board of Education at its meeting on Friday last set up the sum of \$35.00 to provide your school with a well, in accordance with your recent estimate.

Will you see that this is taken care of as soon as possible, so that it can be paid for from this year's allotment to the State Board of Education, which is available only to June 30, 1937.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

HVH:J

May 25, 1937

Board of School Trustees
Blackbird School District #69
Mr. Theodore Ferguson, Clerk
Blackbird, Delaware

Dear Trustees:

In reply to your letter of May 17, if we have money at the end of the year, I shall be very glad to present your problem to the State Board of Education so that it may be taken care of from any unused balance.

Sincerely yours,

J:O

Secretary

MAY 22 1937

acknowledge
receipt of say if we
have money at school you
will please to have some
few stamps

Blackbird, Del.

May 17, 1937

Board of Education

Dover, Del.

Dear Sirs:

Our school has no water supply. It is necessary for the children to carry water, in an open pail, from the houses in town. By the time they reach school the water is often filled with dust and countless disease germs. Many of the children are small and the pails of water are too heavy for them to carry.

On the other hand, it has become a nuisance to the town people, having the children run in and out so much, not to mention how dangerous it is for them to keep crossing the road.

Along with all the other health measures, we feel that our children should have a safe, clean, pure, water supply and that they should

have water at hand whenever they need it, not only for drinking purposes but for cleanliness sake as well.

We have been to see a man who drives pumps and he has estimated the entire cost of a pump (installed) at \$ 35.⁰⁰

For the sake of the health of our children we are asking for an appropriation of \$ 35.⁰⁰ to install a pump in our school before the opening of school in the fall.

By asking for the allotment at this early date we feel that we should be given favorable consideration.

We will appreciate an early answer, telling us your decision on this matter.

Yours truly,
Trustees of Blackbird School

Mr. Theodore Dingsmore

Mr. Frank Sylvester

Mr. Alex. Allee

Mr. Chas. L. Burrows

January 3, 1935

Board of School Trustees
Blackbird School District #69
Mr. Theodore Ferguson, Clerk
Blackbird, Delaware

Dear Trustees:

This is to advise you that we are making arrangements with the State Board of Health to have constructed for your school two modern sanitary outdoor toilets to serve as a model for the construction of such toilets for other rural schools. When the men appear for doing this work, which will be done without cost to your district, will you give them the benefit of your suggestions as to proper location for such buildings.

If for any reason you feel that this work should not be done, please advise this office at once, and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

HVH:C

State Supt. of Public Instruction.

September 19, 1933

Mr. Frank A. Sylvester)
Mr. Theodore Ferguson (Trustees of Blackbird
Mr. Wm. L. Reynolds) School District #69
Mr. Alexander Alfree (

Gentlemen:

The State Board of Education has decided to build an elementary school addition to the present new school building in Sayrna. It has asked two or three of the rural districts adjoining the Sayrna District to consolidate with the Sayrna School. I am told that there is considerable sentiment in your district for such a consolidation as a number of the children in your district already attend that school. If it is the wish of any considerable number of your people to take advantage of the present opportunity to consolidate with the Sayrna District and to get the benefits of the new building which will be without cost to the districts consolidated, I should be very glad to assist you in conducting an election for the purpose of determining the sentiment of your district in regard to the question.

Please let me hear from you as to your wishes in the matter, and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

HVH:R

State Supt. of Public Instruction.

cc Mr. Schantz

NOV 14 1933

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

This is to certify that at the referendum election held at
the school house in Blackbird School District No. 69;
(name)
New Castle County, on Saturday, November 11, 1933
between the hours of 2 and 5 P. M. The following votes were
cast:

FOR CONSOLIDATION 36 Votes

AGAINST CONSOLIDATION 75 Votes

Signed:

Frank A. Spentzer
Trustee—Judge of Election.

Theodore Ferguson
Trustee.

Alex Alfrey
Trustee—Clerk.

William L. Reynolds

NOTE:—This certificate is to be made out in duplicate.
When the votes have been canvassed, the results will be
entered on each certificate. One certificate will be re-
tained by the Clerk and the other forwarded with a poll
list to the STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DOVER, DEL.

NOV 14 1933

POLL LIST

At the referendum ~~election~~ election held at the school house in Blackbird (name)

School District No. 69 Blackbird New Castle County, on Saturday,

Nov. 11, 1933, 192...., between the hours of 1 and 8 P. M. the following named qualified voters of the said district voted:

NOTE:—Poll list must be made out in duplicate. When the polls are closed, the Clerk of the Election will certify to each list. One list will be kept by him and the other forwarded with the Certificate of Election to the State Board of Education, Dover, Del.

Riley Watson
 Florence Ferguson
 Fred Adams
 Spencer Bunkison
 Royden Leach
 Alice Alfrey
 Julia Boyles
 William Boyles
 Edward Bunnis
 Frank Sylvester
 James Lippincott
 James W. Vance
 Chas. Beith
 W. L. Reynolds
 Jno Beith
 Alex Alfrey
 Clarence Johnson
 Nellie E. Johnson
 William Anderson
 Mildred Kuler
 Margaret Watson

Emma Manning
 Nellie Shoats
 W. W. Watson Jr.
 Harry R. Keen
 Frank B. Adams
 Corrie Adams
 H. W. Adams
 Emma Adams
 Russell Matthews
 Lema B. Carpenter
 Arthur W. Carpenter
 Stella Townsend
 Jno. Townsend
 Russel Biggs
 Nellie Tomlinson
 Clarence Mares
 Alice B. Mares
 Elmer Jarvis
 Nellie Sammon 40

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct Poll List.

Date, Nov. 11, 1933 192.... Signed:

Alex Alfrey
Clerk of Election.

Clifford Pryor.
 Elizabeth Pryor
 Mary Turner
 James Lofland
 Susan Lofland.
 William H. Minner
 Geo. J. Bradley
 Lucia Bradley
 Wilhelmina Minner
 Sarah Marshall
 William Fortner
 Chas. Feinamer
 Elsie Reynolds
 Freda Feinamer.
 55, Freda Merkel
 William H. Walton
 Lewis Schaefer
 Lewis Schaefer Sr
 Sadie Schaefer
 W. A. Watson 1st
 Rebecca Dumbach.
 George Keeler
 George Woodkeeper
 Willie Woodkeeper
 Francis Buckner
 Clarence Pearson
 Hanny Boyles
 55, Elmer Boyles
 Lizzie Brown
 Betty Hunter.
 Georgie Jester
 Mary Blanchfield
 Archie Blanchfield.
 Stephen Cole
 Theodore Ferguson
 Wm. J. Anderson
 Susan Anderson
 Emeline Fortner
 Anna D. Fortner
 80, Phyllis Sylvestri
 Anna May Beecord
 Geo J Beecord
 Katie Spicer
 W. H. Spicer.
 Frank Montgomery.
 Delaware Montgomery
 Mary R. Montgomery
 William J. Montgomery
 J. Alfred Jones.

Chas. Bailey.
 William Bailey.
 Archie Blanchfield
 Ruth Bradley.
 Earl Bradley
 Edwin P. Vogel
 Vola Vogel.
 Willie Jarvis
 Mary J. Jarvis
 William H. Tomkinson
 Avis Bailey. 100
 Edith Henderson
 Alfred Henderson
 Bayard Henderson
 Martin B. Paige
 Clara A. Kohl
 V. C. Kohl.
 John Traverser
 Edwardina Traverser
 Viola Traker
 Frank Sparker.
 Edward Traker 111

April 19, 1932

Mr. D. W. Stevens
Middletown, Delaware

Dear Mr. Stevens:

I am forwarding you herewith form of release for certain property described therein belonging to Mr. Royden Caulk of Blackbird. The State Board of Education is purchasing from Mr. Caulk a small tract of land upon which the present school at that place is to be moved. If it meets your approval, will you please have the necessary signatures secured and return the same to this office at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

State Supt. of Public Instruction

HVH:J

F. V. DUPONT, CHAIRMAN
C. DOUGLASS BUCK
NEWTON L. GRUBB
CHARLES W. CULLEN
J. HENRY HAZEL

The State of Delaware



W. W. MACK
CHIEF ENGINEER
ALLEN CRAIG
SECRETARY

State Highway Department Dover, Delaware

April 11, 1932

State Board of Education
Dover, Delaware

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing herewith deed of Royden Caulk to the Board of Education, also release with letter from our Attorney attached.

Very truly yours,
State Highway Department


Charles G. Yocum
Asst. Engineer

CGY:DTB

RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER

4072 DUPONT BUILDING

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

ROBT. H. RICHARDS
CALEB S. LAYTON
AARON FINGER
CHARLES F. RICHARDS
ROBT. H. RICHARDS, JR.

TELEPHONE
WILMINGTON 8308

April 7, 1932

State Highway Department
Dover
Delaware

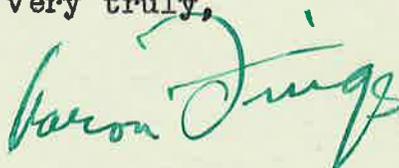
Mr. Charles G. Yocum

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Caulk property there is a judgment for costs against Caulk in Quo Warranto proceedings that took place some time ago testing Caulk's right to the office of Levy Court Commissioner. I have not yet been able to get the amount of these costs, but if you will telephone to the office some time tomorrow or the next day we will have same.

Our search shows no report of County taxes. The owner will have to produce receipts at the settlement.

Yours very truly,



F/T
Enc.

F. V. DUPONT, CHAIRMAN
C. DOUGLASS BUCK
NEWTON L. GRUBB
CHARLES W. CULLEN
J. HENRY HAZEL

The State of Delaware



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ALLEN CRAIG
SECRETARY

State Highway Department

Dover, Delaware

March 17, 1932

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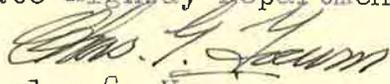
Mr. H. V. Holloway
Department of Public Instruction
Dover, Delaware

Dear Sir:

The site selected for the new location of the Blackbird School has been staked out. Will you kindly inspect it at your earliest convenience and see if it meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,

State Highway Department


Charles G. Yocum
Asst. Engineer

CGY:DTB

March 22, 1932

Mr. Chas. G. Yocum
State Highway Department
Dover, Delaware

Dear Mr. Yocum:

This is to say that I have inspected the new school site for the Blackbird School made necessary by the moving of the present building. As to location, the site is satisfactory. The topography, however, is bad; and I am writing to ask if it would not be possible for the State Highway Department to level the ground.

Sincerely yours,

State Supt. of Public Instruction

HVH:J

June 30, 1928.

BLACKBIRD SCHOOL.

Mr. E.M. Davis,
Delaware Trust Bldg.,
Wilmington, Del.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing herewith a rough sketch of the Blackbird School. I think it gives you all the information necessary, including the order for new seats and the method of placing the same in the room.

In order to provide for the heating a new chimney will be necessary. We can furnish the heater ourselves if you can arrange for the chimney and the installation of the heater. Any other information you may desire will be cheerfully provided.

Thanking you for your kind consideration of this project, I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

HVH-MPH

State Supt. of Public Instruction.

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III	11	# 4	} = 26 = 16 12
IV	15	# 4	
V	7	# 3	} = 10 = 6 3
VI	3	# 3	

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2 rows	6 in row	12
4 "	7 "	28
		<u>40</u>

From \$ in row

Total Enrollment		55
Transfers		
Less 20 days	10	
	<u>2</u>	12
Net Enrollment		43

Blackbird # 69 N.C.

6-29-25

