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EDUCATION REGULATIONS 1910



Pictured above is the WATERPORT UNION SCHOOL. What follows has been gleaned from the "Annual Catalogue" of this school "Adopted by the Board of Education - 1910", listing general information, rules and regulations.

Some will be found to be similar, some is quite different from our present generation. The list is herein being printed in the entirety from the original.

DUTIES OF TEACHERS

1. All teachers shall thoroughly acquaint themselves with the various rules and regulations adopted by the Board, and use their best efforts in carrying them out for the good of the school.

2. All teachers shall be in their respective rooms at 7:30 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m. In case of an emergency or sickness, which is liable to cause absence from duty, the teacher should report at once to the principal.

3. Teachers shall be responsible for good order in their respective rooms at all times, and with the principal, exercise a general supervision over pupils on the school premises. Their authority is not limited to school hours.

4. Teachers shall strive to prevent the school building or furniture from being injured or defaced, and upon discovery of any injury immediately report the same, with facts, to the Principal.

5. Teachers shall endeavor to secure a uniform temperature of 68 degrees F in their rooms, and give special attention to the protection, health, and comfort of pupils.

6. The physical necessities of pupils should be carefully regarded. Urge regular habits that will not conflict with good management.

The faculty in 1910 consisted of F.D. Fairbank, Principal; Ina B. Knollin, Preceptress; Lois M. Jones, Intermediate; and Amy Strickroot, Primary.

RULES GOVERNING PUPILS

1. Attendance - All pupils are required to attend school punctually and regularly. In case of tardiness or absence an excuse from parent or guardian, in writing or in person, shall be necessary upon the pupils return to school. The irregular

pupil cannot do his work satisfactorily and must of necessity fall into a lower grade. Sickness of the pupil or in the family, or some pressing emergency are the only legitimate causes of absence.

2. Assembling and dismissal - Pupils shall not assemble about the school building at an unreasonable time before the beginning of sessions or remain after dismissal only by permission. Only in case of necessity or request by parent or guardian shall the pupil be excused before the regular closing hour. Pupils may be detained after the afternoon session for a reasonable length of time for the failure in recitation or lost time.

3. Deportment - Pupils are required to conform to the regulations of the school; to obey promptly and courteously all directions of teachers; to be respectful and orderly in demeanor, diligent in study, kind and obliging to schoolmates; to give proper attention to cleanliness of person and keep the desks and floor in a neat condition.

Pupils must avoid all intercourse, verbal or written, during school hours, without permission of the teacher in charge.

4. Tobacco - The use of tobacco in any form whatever by teachers or pupils is forbidden at any time in the school building or on the school grounds.

5. Injuring school property - Pupils being guilty of injuring public or private school property shall pay in full for damages, in default of which they may be suspended from school. Any pupil who shall on or around the school premises write any improper language, draw obscene pictures, cut, mark or deface any school property, shall be punished according to the offense and shall be liable to civil prosecution.

The Board of Education in 1910 consisted of A.J. Sargent, J.J. Plowman, and Robert Rackham.

Officers appointed by this Board were: A. James Sargent, President of the Board; R.W. Rackham, Secretary; Wm. H. Parker, Collector; Truant Officer.

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