



Education School Board

1876 - The new school board was formed February 12, 1876, following The Lords Committee of the Privy Councils orders dated 15-01-1876, (*The Morning Post 19-01-1876*) and was dissolved by the Education Act of 1902, they met fortnightly.

-Elizabeth NEWMAN late of Infant School has taken a position of assistant mistress at North Wraxall school. She was presented by two volumes of 'Walsham Howe's New Testament'. *Swindon Advertiser 13-11-1876*.

1878 – Fortnightly meeting held, chaired by Mr S Colborne. The clerk was instructed to action recovery of outstanding school fees. The H M Inspectors Report on Upper Stratton school was accepted. Appointment of a School Attendance Officer to be voted on next meeting. Clerk to make necessary arrangement for opening of Gorse Hill school, second week in September. *Swindon Advertiser 05-08-1878*.

1885 - School Board elections – Messrs. T. Arkell, S. Colborne, W. Collett, Rev. P. Maddocks and Mr. Taylor. (*The Bristol Mercury 06-02-1885*).

The original Upper & Lower Stratton schools were built at cost of £11 per head.

1887 – The monthly meeting had to be called off due to lack of a quorum. *North Wilts Herald 24-06-1887*.

1888 – Fortnightly meeting in Upper Stratton school on Tuesday. Mt. T Arkell in the chair. It was agreed to extend the normal 3 months' notice to married females to 6 months in the case of Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Hatt, long term employees. Mrs. Aldridge, headmistress of Gorse Hill Infants' gave 3 months' notice. Mr. H Wagner, headmaster of Gorse Hill boys' school and Mr. W O Hill, Upper Stratton both applied for maintenance work to their schoolhouses, list of works to be obtained. Mr. E Grayhurst lodged a complaint. Over the noise from the band practice from Upper Stratton Boys' school, it was decided to move the band to the school. *North Wilts Herald 06-07-1888*.

-Fortnightly meeting held at the Girl's School, Upper Stratton. A new caretaker was required to replace Mrs. Hatt, who had resigned. Mr. Turnbill gave notice of a resolution to return drawing to the curriculum. Mr. Kembrey proposed the formation of night schools at Gorse Hill and Stratton, to be investigated. Mr. Kembrey proposed an attendance prize be introduced; this was accepted. Mrs. Evans, headmistress of Girl's School, wrote with concern over attendance levels, this was probably due to children helping with the harvest. Attendance officers, Mrs. Harris & Mr. Jackson, gave report, it was agreed to issue notices being served. *North Wilts Herald 28-09-1888*.

1889 at a meeting on 16-09-1889 Tenders for supply of coal accepted Mr C Barker for Gorse Hill and Mr Wheeler for Stratton schools. Mr H Lookers tender was accepted for laying paving to Gorse Hill school. Mechanics Institute had applied for room at Gorse Hill to provide Evening School classes, agreed. The school cleaner at Upper Stratton had left, Mrs A ILES, and a new one appointed, Miss A. ILES. Repairs to doors & windows at Gorse Hill school agreed. Board reviewed attendance reports. *Swindon Advertiser 18-09-1889.*

- Gorse Hill school transferred to Swindon by order of Wilts C.C. in 1889.

1891 – Meeting of 30-06-1891, Tenders for extension of Upper Stratton Infants, H LOOKER £750, G Wiltshire £775, T Barrett £780 10s, H Lookers tender accepted. After a request from Headmistress, it was decided to appoint an ex-pupil teacher. Legal proceedings to be taken parents not sending their children to school. *Swindon Advertiser 04-07-1891*

1894 – Meeting of 08-10-1894, Mortgage deed for £1,000 and further advances not to exceed £1831 were agreed. Contractor of Lower Stratton School was advanced £500 against architect's certificate. Assistant teacher for Evening classes application was withdrawn. Letter from headmistress, Miss Auguena, stating that fuel at Upper Stratton schools was getting low, also playground required attention. It was also agreed to supply coconut mats for the schools. Legal action to be taken against Samuel ARCHER for failing to send his daughter Elizabeth to school. It was agreed for Rev. J G CHUGG to use Girls school on Nov 3rd and Mr W O Hill for a choral class in October. *Swindon Advertiser 13-10-1894.*

1895 – Meeting on 05-11-1895 at Girls school, Upper Stratton, Mr T Arkell, chairman. Miss Pound, teacher at Girls school had resigned, it was decided to replace with a pupil teacher. Miss Abel of Down Ampney was appointed as Assistant mistress to Lower Stratton school at £35 per annum. It was agreed to hire out schools for evening use at 7s 6d each evening. *Swindon Advertiser 16-11-1895.*

1896 – At a meeting on 05-05-1896 it was reported that Upper Stratton schools had been closed by Medical Officer due to outbreak of measles. The Science & Art Examinations were held on Saturday, April 25th. Miss BECKETT was appointed as assistant mistress Upper Stratton Infant school at a salary of £40. *Swindon Advertiser 06-05-1896.*

- At a meeting on 18-08-1896 the clerk reported that the final payment of £14 15s had been made by the County Technical Continuation Committee for the Evening Continuation School, but the claim for the Art class was outstanding. Miss Baldwin of Maidenhead had been appointed as Headmistress of Upper Stratton Infants at a salary of £62 from August 31st. *Swindon Advertiser 22-08-1896.*

- Meeting held on 13-10-1896, Tenders were received for coal supply, Mr Jas. Wheeler's tender for Forest coal and coke both at 18s was accepted. H. M. Inspectorate had made a surprise visit to Upper Stratton Girls' and Infants' schools, and that he had set November 12th for Lower Stratton Infants' school annual examinations and Boys Arts exam for 21st October. The Clerk submitted a Statement of Accounts, Balance forward £405 5s 6d, Monies in £2,245 18s 6d, monies out £2,290 9s 1d, balance £359 14s 7d. Outstanding Public Works Loan £7,218 13s 4d.

- Meeting held on 27-10-1896, Clerk submitted contractors account for erection of Lower Stratton Infants school of £122 4s 7d, it was agreed to pay, and request to Local Government Board for re-imburement. Permission for a concert at Upper Stratton Girls school was agreed. Upper Stratton Boys School Inspection would be on Nov 20th. *Swindon Advertiser 31-10-1896.*

1901 – Meeting on 15-01-1901 – A claim for a salary increase by Mrs Gilbert the sewing mistress was turned down. Attendance figures: Upper Stratton boys 86%, Girls 85%, Infants 88%, Lower Stratton mixed 90%, Infants 79%. Boys school requires repairs to guards, agreed. Arts club had made £5 17s. R F Curry of HMI had refused funding for manual instruction classes due to lack of proper equipment. *Swindon Advertiser 18-01-1901.*

Meeting on 28-01-1901. A petition was tabled – To extend to England & Wales the advantages of higher primary education & allow school boards to take advantage of the Evening School Code, to be voted on next meeting. Miss J FARR was appointed as probationer at Upper Stratton Infants. Attendance officer report, Upper Stratton, boys 87%, girls 90%, infants 85%. Lower Stratton Mixed 92%, infants 78%. Also, three parents reported for non-attendance of children. *Swindon Advertiser 01-02-1901.*

-Meeting Feb 12 in Lower Stratton Infants' School. Issue with lobby space at Upper Stratton for children to change in poor weather. Attendance Report: Upper Stratton boys 89, girls 86, infants 80, Lower Stratton mixed 86, infants

82. The Board issued two summonses for poor attendance. The Board endorsed their support for a petition regarding Higher Education. The clerk reported receipt of a fee grant of £189 17s 6d. Agreed to buy a new Galvanised tank and cost of repairs at Girls school from Messrs. Edwards, Bays & Rye. *Swindon Advertiser 15-02-1901.*

-Meeting Feb 26, chairman Mr T Arkell. I was agreed to keep a quarterly record of Infants' school absenteeism. Committee to investigate composition of teaching staff at each school and salaries of apprentices. Attendance figures: Upper Stratton boys 88, girls 80, infants 82; Lower Stratton mixed 88, infants 77. Annual prizes to be distributed in each school by head.

Pupil Teacher Report

Name	Total Marks	Possible Marks	No. on List	Total on List	Percentage points
Pinnock, G	536	830	17	23	65
Lewis, G M	526	830	23	30	63
Bailey, A	633	830	13	31	71
Hale, M A	706	830	10	30	83
Godwin, B	546	830	22	31	61
Gilbert, M A	525	830	28	30	63
Iles, Wm	675	970	14	31	70
Smith, Wm	524	970	27	31	54

This was a slight improvement on previous year. *Swindon Advertiser 01-03-1901.*

-Meeting March 26 at Lower Stratton Infants. Mr T Arkell chairman. Mrs Gregory, caretaker Upper Stratton request for salary increase, denied. New salary bands for male teachers £20 - £30. Attendance report: Upper Stratton boys 90, girls 85, infants 85, Lower Stratton mixed 88, infants 81. Two notices had been served to parents. Amy HULBERT had passed the Queen's Scholarship. Precept for education set at 1s 3d. Miss Coulton, head of Mixed school had resigned. Easter holiday April 4 to 15th. *Swindon Advertiser 15-03-1901.*

-Meeting Apr 23, Mr Hoddinott in the chair. Miss Davidsons request for an increase was agreed. Miss Steel was appointed Headmistress at Mixed school. Attendance Report: Upper Stratton boys 90, girls 87, infants 89, Lower Stratton mixed 87, infants 82. Repairs to Girls' school were agreed along with whitening in all lavatories. *Swindon Advertiser 26-04-1901.*

-Meeting May 7th. Miss B Cullings request for salary increase under the scale was agreed. The lease on the Lower Mixed School was agreed for seven years. Mr Gilgert was requesting repairs, committee to inspect and report back. Attendance Report: Upper Stratton boys 89, girls 90, infants 90, Lower Stratton mixed 88, infants 89. Clerk reported receipt of Capitation Grant of £10. *Swindon Advertiser 10-05-1901.*

-Meeting May 21st, Mr T Arkell chairman. Lower Stratton schoolhouse repairs had been completed at £ 10 18s. Attendance Report: Upper Stratton boys 88, girls 89, infants 82, Lower Stratton mixed 90, infants 86. Miss B Godwin's indenture to be extended for six months. Schools not to be let to non-parishioners without authority of board. Upper Stratton schoolhouse painting report to be completed. *Swindon Advertiser 24-05-1901.*

-Meeting June 18th, Mr J Usher, chairman. School holidays to be same as Swindon. Agreed to paint Boys' school. Agreed to get tenders for re-colouring of schools. Attendance Report: Upper Stratton boys 91, girls 93, infants 95, Lower Stratton mixed 91, infants 93. Evening school attendance is low but with good interest of students, prizes to be given as promised. *Swindon Advertiser 21-06-1901.*

-Meeting 02-07-1901, Mr J Usher in chair. Issue with defective drains at the Mixed school. Schools to be closed from 11th July to 12th August. Attendance: Upper Stratton boys 90, girls 91, infants 90, Lower Stratton mixed 92 infants 90. Estimates for colouring schools, Girls £8 5s 6d, Upper Infants £7 10s, Lower Infants £5, tenders were accepted. *Swindon Advertiser 05-07-1901.*

-Advertisement for temporary Assistant Mistress for Upper Stratton Infants at £35 per annum. *Swindon Advertiser 02-08-1901 to 09-08-1901*

-Advertisement for tenders to supply 25 tons of Coal (Forest second) and 15 tons of coke to Stratton schools. *Swindon Advertiser 30-08-1901.*

-Meeting 10 Sept, Coal tenders were opened, and Mr G Wheelers was accepted, 23s a ton coal and 22s a ton coke. Application for increase from Miss E Loveday accepted. Attendance, Upper boys 90, girls 87, infants 86, Lower

mixed 89, infants 97. Mr W O Hill, boys headmaster requested to continue evening school, accepted. *Swindon Advertiser 13-09-1901.*

-Meeting 24 Sept, held in Girls school. Hourly salaries for next session – Headmaster 3s 6d, Assistant 2s 6d, woodwork 2s. Attendance; Upper Stratton boys 89, girls 87, infants 84, Lower Stratton mixed 89, infants 86. Stone to be bought for repairs to boys' schoolyard. Committee to deal with repairs to boys' school roof. *Swindon Advertiser 27-09-1901.*

-Meeting 8 Oct, it was agreed to pay fees for teachers attending the physiography course as long as they attended the drawing classes as well. Mr Looker to action repairs to the Lower school plus sewer pipe at Girls school. Rates for overseers set at £300, equivalent to 6½d in pound. Evening classes receipts were £2473 4s 3d. *Swindon Advertiser 11-10-1901.*

-Meeting 22 Oct, Request to use school every fortnight for Band of Hope meetings from St Philips church, agreed to use Infants school at 2s 6d per evening. Increases in salary according to scale agreed for Miss A New and Mr G J G Gilbert. Following requests, it was agreed Nov 1 would be a holiday. *Swindon Advertiser 25-10-1901.*

-Evening & Technical school meeting, last years prizes were distributed. *Swindon Advertiser 11-10-1901.*

-Meeting on 05-11-1901, Miss M Culling given pay rise of £5 for passing her latest exams. Mr T Jackson, Attendance Officer's Report, Upper Stratton Boys 90%, Girls 91, Infants 86½, Lower Stratton mixed 92½, infants 86. It was agreed to summons offending parents. It was agreed to purchase a fire guard for girls' school. Board had received Agricultural Rates Act Grant of £48 13s 11d. Board Examinations, Upper Stratton – boys 2 failed, girls 3 failed, Lower Stratton mixed 3 failures, a good result. *Swindon Advertiser 08-11-1901.*

-Meeting 24 Nov, School staffing for 1,108, current roll 762 so well covered. Attendance Report, Lower Stratton mixed 91, Infants 85, Upper Stratton Boys 89, Girls 90, Infants 92. Report on Pupil Teachers, W Iles 63%; F W Smith 58%, A W Jones 39%, M A Hill 86%, G Lewis 57%, A I Bailey 69%, G Rinnock 50%, S Turner 53%. A resignation from Miss T Beckett was received and accepted. *Swindon Advertiser 29-11-1901.*

-Meeting 17 Dec, Attendance Report, Upper Stratton Boys 87, Girls 89, Infants 78, Lower Stratton Mixed 90, Infants 86. Miss Croxford, Lower Stratton Infants resignation was accepted. Miss Hulbert, Gorse Hill to be appointed to Upper Stratton Infants. A quote for £27 from Messrs Grundy of London for Mixed school heating equipment was accepted. Prize for punctual attendance agreed at 1s per head for older and 6d head for younger students. Mixed school had achieved highest possible grant of £1553 16s. Application to appoint Miss Godwin to Mixed school passed. Upper Stratton Girls school asking for improved cloak room accommodation. *Swindon Advertiser 20-12-1901.*

1902 – Meeting 14 Jan, Mr. E Hoddinott in chair. Attendance; Upper Boys 89, Girls 85, infants 82, Lower mixed 94, infants 87. Clerk had made a claim for £27 12 6d from County Technical Education Committee for evening classes. *Swindon Advertiser 17-01-1902.*

-Annual Statement of Accounts – balance from 1900 £182 13s 10d. Total Receipts £2473 4s 3d. Total Expenditure £2259 17s 10d. Balance forward £213 6s 5d. Outstand Public Works Loan £6259 15s 0d. *Swindon Advertiser 31-01-1902.*

-Meeting 28 Jan, Mr T Arkell chairman. Accounts had passed formal audit. The board accepted an offer from Mrs Cullen, Gorse Hill, allowing her son to attend as a probationer without salary so he could sit his examinations. Attendance, Upper Stratton Boys 89, Girls 91, Infants 80, Lower Stratton Mixed 91, Infants 86. *Swindon Advertiser 31-01-1902.*

-Meeting 25 Mar, at Lower Stratton Infants. Appointment of Miss Godwin approved. Outbreak of measles in Upper Stratton. Six months accounts, income £1369 3s 3d, expenditure £1178 16s 4d, therefore precept to be £500. *28-03-1902.*

-Meeting 8 Apr, At Girl's school Upper Stratton. New Girls Cloakroom was discussed, and cheques signed. *Swindon Advertiser 11-04-1902.*

-Meeting 22 Apr, Mr T Arkell chairman. Increases in salary were agreed for Miss Steele and Miss Davidson in accordance with schedule. Agreed to build new entrance with cloakroom. *Swindon Advertiser 25-04-1902.*

-Meeting 12 Aug at Infants School Upper Stratton. Mr Looker's tender of £158 10s was accepted to build the new Girl's school classroom. Attendance report, Upper Boys 87, girls 82, infants 80, Lower Mixed 88, infants 82. Stationery Requisitions were accepted. Mrs Griffiths, Girls school mistress was given a scale rise. A fee grant of £92 17s 6d had been received. Evening School Art classes were of high standard. *Swindon Advertiser 15-08-1902.*

– Meeting 26 Aug. Ventilators had been put in the roof of Lower Stratton Infants. Miss Farr was accepted as Apprentice. Final notices issued for non-attendance. *Swindon Advertiser 29-08-1902.*

- The usual fortnightly meeting of this Board was held at the Infants School, Lower Stratton, on Tuesday last when the following members were present: - Messrs. T Arkell (chairman), E Hoddinott, R Morris, and W H Jukes; together with the Clerk (Mr J Cox). – Mr W O Hill interviewed the Board with regard to their sanctioning of the Evening Schools for the ensuing winter, putting before the Board the estimated receipts and expenditures of same, from which it appeared a balance to the good would result. It was decided to provisionally sanction the opening, the matter to be decided finally at the next meeting. – It being understood that by the recent assessment in rateable value, the Board issued instructions for Mr M Jones, of Marlborough, to obtain rateable value of similar schools in the County, at a fee of £3 3s per day, with expenses. – A letter was received from Mr O Kimber pointing out that the rain washed the gravel from the Girls' Playground into the road and then into the sewer, causing an obstruction. The Board gave orders for this to be remedied. – Miss Bailey having resigned, the same was accepted, the clerk being instructed to draw up a suitable testimonial. – Some slight repairs having been sanctioned the Board rose. *Swindon Advertiser 12-09-1902*

-Advertisement for tenders to supply 25 tons of Coal (Forest second) and 15 tons of coke to Stratton schools. *Swindon Advertiser 12-09-1902.*

- Meeting 23 Sept, at Upper Stratton Girls School. In order to continue evening classes, the teachers would be asked to take a pay cut. Attendance Report, Upper Stratton boys 88, girls 83, infants 75, Lower Stratton mixed 89, infants 58. This was due to an outbreak of measles. Coal tenders received and Mr G Davis' was accepted at Forest 21s, Stafford 20s 6d & coke 20s per ton. *Swindon Advertiser 26-09-1902.*

- At a meeting on 21 Oct it was decided to make the salaries of headmasters equal at £90. Existing payments to be increased by £5 per year. Attendance figures – Upper Stratton, boys 89%, girls 86%, infant 75%, Lower Stratton, mixed 89, infants 82%. Outstanding loans £6,082. Exam results – Upper Stratton 13 boys took exam 10 passed, 22 girls all passed, Lower Stratton mixed 27 took exam and 26 passed. New mats were to be ordered for Lower Stratton Infants. *Swindon Advertiser 24-10-1902.*

Meeting 2 Dec, at Lower Stratton Infants. Attendance Report, Upper Stratton boys 89, girls 87, infants 77, Lower Stratton mixed 88, infants 76. Several parents cautioned and to be charged with non-attendance of children. Christmas holidays would be 19th December to 5th January. *Swindon Advertiser 05-12-1902.*

Meeting 23 Dec, at Upper Stratton Girls School. Annual prizes to be awarded in January. All the schools got a good report. Attendance Report and grants, Upper boys 140 £155, girls 168 £284, infants 151 £484, Lower mixed 143 £184, infants 134 £182. *Swindon Advertiser 26-12-1902.*

1903 – Meeting 13 Jan at Lower Infants. Clerk instructed to purchase 4 dozen bibles for mixed school. Board approved various small repairs. Attendance Report, Upper boys 91, girls 88, infants 82, Lower mixed 88, infants 76. Clerk had made claim for Evening classes to County for £37 13s 6d. *Swindon Advertiser 16-01-1903.*

-The first meeting under the 1902 Education Act took place on Tuesday. Mr T Arkell was elected as chairman. Letter from County Education Committee stating Evening classes had to be self-funding. Application made for £219 15s 1d under Agricultural Rates Act. It was decided to give schools a day's holiday on Monday. *Swindon Advertiser 30-01-1903.*

-Meeting 10 March at Upper Stratton Girls. Auditor had passed books. Mr H Looker had done frost repairs to Lower Stratton schools. Miss New who was getting married was given permission to continue her duties. Attendance Report, Upper boys 90, girls 88, infants 78, Lower mixed 88, infants 80. Queens scholarship, Miss M Hale 1st class 2nd division, Miss G Lewis 2nd class 4th division. Agreed to storm damaged roof repairs. Overseers to raise £500 for next term. *Swindon Advertiser 13-03-1902.*

–Selling off Ashes stored at the schools – *Swindon Advertiser 27-03-1903.*

-Meeting 7 April in Girls' School Lower Stratton. It was decided to have spouting and windows cleaned at Lower Stratton Infants; Mr Dunn appointed at £2 per year. Employers' Liability with Ocean Insurance was increased. Attendance Report, Upper boys 94, girls 89, infants 83, Lower mixed 92, infants 82. Letter from County Council reference them taking over the schools and need to inspect, this was accepted. Good School Board Inspection report. Clerk reported receipt of £277 11s 2d grant. *Swindon Advertiser 10-04-1903.*

-Advert- Vacancy for Male pupil teacher for Upper Stratton Boy's School. *Swindon Advertiser 24-04-1903.*

-Meeting 5 May at Girls School Upper Stratton. Pupil Teachers got good report. Several parents interviewed over nonattendance of children. Miss E Griffiths appointed to Infants school. *Swindon Advertiser 08-05-1903.*

-Advert- Vacancy for Female pupil teacher for Upper Stratton Girl's school. *Swindon Advertiser 08-05-1903.*

-Meeting 16 June at Girls School. Summer holidays to be July 8 to Aug 10. Attendance Report, Upper boys 91, girls 87, infants 84, Lower mixed 80, infants 71. Final notices to be served on some parents. *Swindon Advertiser 19-06-1903.*

Meeting 29 Sep. The final meeting of the Old School Board took place. Position of headmaster to Upper Stratton Boys' School was given to Mr J E Green, the current assistant, out of 63 applicants. The chairman referred back through the successful 26-year history of the original board and hoping the new board would be as good. *Swindon Advertiser 02-10-1903.*

School Board now meeting as School Committee under Wilts County Council.

Advert – Tenders to supply coal & coke up to 30th April 1904. *Swindon Advertiser 30-10-1903*

Meeting 10 Nov. Mr W Iles appointed assistant master of boys' school. Mrs Woolcott were temporarily retained at Mixed school. Messrs Toomer & Co., fuel tenders were accepted at Forest seconds 20s 6d, and coke at 18s 6d. *Swindon Advertiser 13-11-1903.*

Meeting 1 Dec. Miss M A Gilbert, sewing mistress, to be put on list of Supply Teachers and Mr William Iles (Art 50) at a salary of £60 from 11th December, then 4 years to obtain full certificate. Attendance offices has had to issue several summonses. Cheque received for Science and Art dept of £11 18s. *Swindon Advertiser 04-12-1903.*

1904 - Meeting 9 Jan at Infants School Lower Stratton. Miss Asman appointed to Mixed School at £45 rising to £55. Will advertise for pupil teacher for Mixed School. This year's grants, Infants' Lower Stratton £128, and Upper Stratton £537 12s. Infants School got good Inspectors Report. Request for Miss Barrett, mistress of Upper Stratton Infants' to Exchange with Miss Culling and therefore cover resignation of Miss Steele. Mixed School part of rear playground to be covered with chippings. Miss Hulbert received a salary increment. *Swindon Advertiser 12-02-1904.*

- Meeting 1 March at Girls' School Upper Stratton. Miss Reeves of Kingsdown appointed as pupil teacher to Mixed school. Miss Osman's salary review agreed increase to £52 10s. Cheque to County Board for £52 6s 7d, being balance from old School Board. Miss Lewis to fill vacancy at Mixed school. *Swindon Advertiser 04-03-1904.*

-Meeting 4 Apr. Mr Arkell made a formal complaint over inaccurate Press reporting from last meeting. Clerk couldn't find a Fire Policy, but it was found that the vicar paid it and was reimbursed. Evening classes were doing well. Miss Godwin to be given a scale increase. *Swindon Advertiser 08-04-1904.*

– Tenders for 25 tons of coal and 10 tons of coke for period to 10th April 1905. *Swindon Advertiser 30-09-1904.*

-Meeting 3 May at Lower Stratton Infants' School. Mr Usher elected as Chairman. List of repairs to schools agreed. Miss Bailey to replace Miss Cullings who had resigned over salary. Methodists had asked to use Girls' School on 14th May, it was decided to give them the central hall of the Boys' School. *Swindon Advertiser 06-05-1904.*

- Meeting 7 Jun, at Upper Stratton Girls' School. Mrs J Greenhaugh appointed as supply teacher. Agreed members would visit schools on regular basis and submit reports. Miss Cullen & Miss Godwin had been given scale rises of £5. Mixed School courtyard gravel had been laid at £2 10s. Summer school closure July 6 to Aug 9th. *Swindon Advertiser 10-06-1904.*

- Meeting 6 September at Girls' School, Upper Stratton. Mr H Lookers' tender for school repairs was accepted. Headmaster of Boys' School was requesting assistant master, the Board would also ask for an assistant mistress to the Infants' School, Lower Stratton, currently there were 213 children, accommodation was for 163 with a staff of 3. Upper Stratton Infants' was also over subscribed so they requested Mrs J Greenhaugh to be appointed to assist. It was noted that Infants' School headmistress had not moved into the parish per her contract. Water supplies to the schools was still poor, water cans to be filled daily for use by the students. IT was agreed to lay a gas supply onto Upper Stratton schools, and Lower Stratton Infants. It was agreed to run Evening classes again this year. *Swindon Advertiser 02-09-1902.*

– Meeting on 14 Nov, agreed to make an Emergency appointment of teacher for Upper Stratton Boys school. Miss S Turner to be appointed as Assistant Mistress to Lower Stratton Infants. Mrs Hulbert's salary had been increased to £65. Labour Examination results: Upper Stratton Boys, presented 10, passed 6; Girls, 20 presented, 17 passed; Lower Stratton Mixed 15 presented 12 passed. Tenders accepted for school repairs, Upper Stratton Infants, Mr H LOOKER £26 3 6d, Upper Stratton Girls Mr H Looker, £32 10s, Upper Stratton Boys & Masters house Mr Kilminster

£29 14s, Lower Stratton Infants Mr Kilminster £6. Resolved to make a 6ft asphalt path from gate to entrance of Lower Stratton Infants. *Swindon Advertiser 18-11-1904.*

1905 – Meeting 7 Feb, at Lower Stratton Infants' School. As a safety precaution it was decided to box in all gas meters. It was decided to buy 3 fire guards. Headmistress of Girls' School requested temporary staff to cover illness. *Swindon Advertiser 10-02-1905.*

-Meeting 7 Mar at Lower Stratton Infants. County had sent out recommendations for improvements to Upper Stratton schools' drainage. County allowance for school cleaning, Upper Boys' £22, Upper Girls' £16 18s, Upper Infants' £13 12s, Lower Mixed £16 18s & Lower Infants' £15 12s. *Swindon Advertiser 10-03-1905.*

– Meeting 4 April, Mr J Usher chairman. It was agreed to get tenders to put drainage into Upper Stratton schools. Five parents were cautioned for irregular attendance of their children. It was agreed that 30 boys from the mixed school could be taught to swim. Easter holidays to be April 20 to May 1. Floor of main room in mixed school to be repaired. Mrs Woolcott was granted a testimonial. *Swindon Advertiser 07-04-1905.*

-Meeting 18 April at Upper Stratton Girls' School. There was discussion over route of new drains. County had aged to request for swimming lessons for 30 boys at charge of 3/4d each. Agreed to repairs of Mixed School floors. Agreed to appointment of assistant to Upper Stratton Infants. Mr F Culling asked for his indentures to be extended to Dec 31, agreed. *Swindon Advertiser 21-04-1905.*

1907

– Advert for Tenders to supply 30 tons of coal and 10 tons of coke for period up to 30th April 1908. *Swindon Advertiser 06-09-1907.*

1909

- Meeting 5 Jan at Infants' school, Lower Stratton. Certificate issued to close schools due to an outbreak. A new stove had failed and there was a battle over who should pay for repairs. Repairs to masters' house would cost £1 1s. There was a water leak at Upper Stratton Boys' School and defective covers at both Upper Stratton schools. Teachers to be asked to let committee know of any children requiring assistance with school meals, which the Governors decided to start funding themselves. *Swindon Advertiser 08-01-1909.*

-27 Apr Meeting at Upper Stratton Girls' School. Price for new tool shed to be reviewed. 980 dinners had now been supplied at cost of £4 8s 2d. Mr H Looker's tender for £39 to asphalt Lower Stratton Infants' playground was accepted. Miss G Williams resigned from Upper Stratton Girls', and was to be replaced by Miss G Turner, also the appoint Miss Wilkins on a temporary basis. Summer holidays to be trip week plus first three weeks in August. *Swindon Advertiser 30-04-1909.*

-Meeting 11 May at Infants' School Lower Stratton. Summer Holidays from Trip Friday 30th June. Agreed to erect a tool shed 6ft by 5ft. Attendance Report – Upper Stratton Boys' 88, Girls' 91 & Infants' 80. One parent had to be interviewed over child's attendance. Letter to County requesting storm drains to be cleared as several were choked. On the resignation of Mrs Williams, it was decided to move Miss G Griffiths from Mixed School to Girls' School and Make Miss Wilkins temporary position permanent at the Mixed School. Primitive Methodists to used large room ay Boys' School on June 6. Teachers joining Territorials would be granted 2 weeks paid leave per year. Mr Gilbert to attend a gardening course at Westbury for two weeks at beginning of August. *Swindon Advertiser 14-05-1909.*

- To erect 'No Trespassers' notices in each school. *Swindon Advertiser 02-07-1909.*

-27 Aug meeting at Infants' school Lower Stratton. One parent was interviewed of bad attendance of their child, found to be due to a sad state of poverty. A list of school repairs to be drawn up by County surveyor. Miss L M Bown confirmed as Student teacher at Upper Stratton Infants'. It was agreed that travelling photographers would not be allowed to rake pictures at Stratton schools. There were three cases of Whooping Cough and one of Ringworm. Mr Phillip Crewe, Boys' school, had resigned and was replaced by William Charles King of Petersfield. Evening class times were changing to 7:30 to 9pm. *Swindon Advertiser 27-08-1909.*

– Oct 26 meeting, Mr F A Blake, chairman. Decided to ask County for permission to start Day & Night carpentry lessons. *Swindon Advertiser 29-10-1909.*

-Given permission to spend £5 per quarter on school repairs without referral to Local School Board. *Swindon Advertiser 05-11-1909.*

- Meeting 7 Dec at Girls' school, Upper Stratton. Evening school attendance had fallen off due to the opening of a Young Men's Institute. Dressmaking classes to start from 14th Jan. Mrs Daniels of County Road was appointed as supply teacher to Mixed school. Christmas holidays would be 22nd Dec to 10th Jan. One classroom in Upper Stratton Infants was not heated properly, to be investigated. *Swindon Advertiser 10-12-1909.*

1910 – Sep 13 meeting, Mr F A Blake presided. The new tables and chairs for Lower Stratton had arrived. Miss Timpson was appointed. A request to promote Miss Godwin from class B to Class A had been sent to County School Board. Three Lower Stratton girls had received their exemption certificates. Miss A L Williams had resigned her position as assistant mistress at Upper Stratton Infants, Miss Marlow to be appointed. A request to be sent to County to increase salaries of Mr F W Smith, Upper Boys, and Mr H Tinley, Mr W C King and Miss I N Wilkins. It was agreed to recommend the appointment of Miss Farr from Highworth. *Swindon Advertiser 16-09-1910.*

1934 -Jan 2 meeting, Mr. A G King as chair. Three candidates to be interviewed. No decision was made in accepting under 5's to Lower Stratton Infants. Inspectors had been appointed for Religious Instruction in schools. *North Wilts Herald 05-01-1934.*

1936 – Monthly meeting held on Tuesday, chairman Mr. A E Keene. Meeting had minutes silence for death of King. Herrings Trust Candidates list forwarded. Upper Stratton Senior Scholl requested 72 bibles at £9, approved. *North Wilts Herald 24-01-1936.*

1937 – Monthly meeting held at the New Senior school at Kingsdown, chairman Mr. A G Keene. Bill from British Legion for Hall hire of £50 19s to be submitted for payment. New school hall will not be let for dances, but Parish Council could be allowed to use for meetings. *North Wilts Herald 19-02-1937.*

1938 – Monthly meeting held on Tuesday 18 Jan. Agreed to agree to an evening cookery class, to be advertised in local press. Senior School, recommendation for pay rise for cook. More room to be made for turning cars. Replacement gate required for Upper Stratton Infants.

1940 – A meeting of the school managers was held 3rd Feb. A new P.E. teacher, Mrs. G. Jones, was appointed. Easter holidays 9 to 21 April, Whitsun 30 May to 9 Jun. Junior School assistant appointed. *North Wilts Herald 07-02-1941.*

1941 – At School Managers Meeting, the Senior School voiced their concern over need for fire watch, it was decided to reply for addition help. It was agreed to appoint two new cleaning positions to include stoking at 30s per week. Last years scholarships, Geoffrey Edwards, Leslie Miller, Betty Burdock, June Edwards, Pamela Taylor, and Cecil Jones, this years, Kenneth Bailey, Edward Barnes, Kenneth Bird, Derek Buckland, Michael Jones, Mavis Frampton, and Eileen Messenger. *North Wilts Herald 04-07-1941.*

Inspectors of Religious Education Report received. Senior School. - Good work and excellent tone of teachers. Junior School. - Work standard is good, and high standard of moral tone. Infants School. – Expression work is good. Moral tone and spirit is good. Teachers of all schools to be praised on their efforts. *North Wilts Herald 18-07-1941.*