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The Formation of the Barrett Township Consolidated School 1926

By Kay Sengle

In Peggy Bancroft's book, Ringing Axes and Rocking Chairs: The Story of Barrett Township, she states that the first school building, a "select" or private school, in Barrett Township was erected in 1845. Several years later the first public school opened. The first known school directors included George Price, Smith Price, Daniel Staples, Robert Lomax and Fred Deubler. The first recorded school board meeting was September 20, 1884, with members of the school board listed as John S. Snow, Charles W. Seese, Sylvester Price and Townsend Price. In about 1885 the schools were the Oakland (Mountainhome), Coveville, Canadensis, Krummel Hill, Spruce Cabin and Quarry (later called the Howard Price School). The number and location of these schools varied from year to year according to where the students resided. From teacher's term reports dated 1906 Barrett Township schools were Mountainhome with 36 pupils, Coveville with 36 pupils, Krummel Hill with 19 pupils, Seese Hill with 13 pupils and Round Meadow with 10 pupils. The school year averaged five to seven months in length. About 1914 a new two-story school was constructed in Mountainhome (located behind the present Mick Motors on Route 390). This was a consolidation of two one-room schools located on the same site, subsequently moved across the street. The Canadensis Grade and High School, located just west of the traffic light in Canadensis on Route 447, was constructed about 1911. The consolidation of these two schools produced the Barrett Township Consolidated School.

On May 8, 1925, the minutes of the Barrett Township School Board record that the board proposed a resolution to increase the indebtedness of the school district from 2% to

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Presidential Message

The Winds of Change

On August 4th of this year the Barrett Township Historical Society celebrated our 30th Anniversary. Since 1993 BTHS has dedicated itself to preserving and sharing our region's history. During preparations for the dinner, I stumbled upon a realization that seems logical now, but I'd never really thought about before: we not only preserve Barrett's history, but we are also part of it.

While putting together the program for the celebration we sifted through pages of documents and albums full of pictures. All chronicling the work BTHS has done for the last three decades, including an archeological dig, dedication of historic markers, programs, and other significant events. What made it so much fun was realizing that while BTHS has been documenting the history of Barrett Township, it was also building a rich history of its own.

Every one of you should be proud of our accomplishments, but our work isn't done. In fact, it will never be done, because each passing second is a moment lost in time that may be of interest when rediscovered by future generations. This is what makes our work so important. The support of our membership is crucial to ensuring that BTHS continues to be a viable entity, and guardians of our cultural history. We depend on your contributions to fund this important work.

As 2023 passes into our collective history, please make sure to renew your membership for 2024, and consider an additional donation to ensure that BTHS can continue to curate our collections and provide programs of historical interest to the community.

The slide show that ran throughout the anniversary dinner was full of wonderful pictures, full of the memories and history BTHS has already made. Many of the people that graced the screen are no longer with us and the room was flush with nostalgia. As the slide show progressed the faces changed but our mission has stayed the same. The founders of BTHS passed on their passion to the next generation and we will pass it on when our time comes. With everyone's support I know we will be adding many more slides to future programs reminding all that the Barrett Township Historical Society not only curates our local history, it makes it as well.

Darryl Speicher
BTHS President

🙈 Whoops, a Mistake...

If there is something that needs to be corrected, speak-up. Please email me at alesiagallo@yahoo.com or give me call at (570)972-6422.

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2023 Board of Directors

Shirley Lansdowne Jayne Blair Mary Price Marie Guidry Claudia Stuart

2023 Executive Officers

President	Darryl Speicher
Vice President	Marie Guidry
Recording Secretary	Ellen Davis
Corresponding Secretary	Hannelore Gaupp
Treasurer	Claudia Shoesmith-Fox

Treasurer’s Report

Claudia Shoesmith-Fox, Treasurer-
DATE: 9/20/2023
Checking: \$4,493.65
Money Market: \$5,141.18
CD: \$15,353.22
CD: \$21,819.32
TOTAL: \$46,807.37

2023 Executive Committee

<u>Archivist for LRC & CSM</u>	Consolidated in LRC & CSM activities
Cresco Station Museum	Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese
Curator for LRC & CSM	Joanne Seese
Finance	Claudia Shoesmith-Fox
Historian	Jacqueline Magann
Hospitality	OPEN
Information Systems	OPEN
Library Research Center	Jacqueline Magann & Joanne Seese
Membership	Jackie Speicher
Newsletter	Alesia Gallo, Editor & Jacqueline Magann, Co-Editor
Oral Tradition	Christina Raley
Programs	Mary Price & Malinda Bender, Co-Chairs
Publicity	Marie S. Guidry
Research	OPEN
Ways & Means Committee	Diane Price
Ad Hoc - 30th Anniversary Chair	Diane Price

Exec Committee Meeting Dates

Executive Committee meetings are held on the 2nd
Monday at 3 pm monthly at LRC
November 13
December 11
January 8

General Membership Meeting Dates

November 17 at 2:00 pm
December 15 at 2:00 pm
January 19 at 2:00 pm

There will be a combined meeting of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee on the quarterly date of December 11, 2023.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Richard Geyer for being the recipient of a "Quilt of Valor".

Congratulations to the Friendly Community Center for a decade of service from 2013 to 2023.

New Address for Pat Malin:

3306 James Buchanan Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Phone #: 717-367-5020

Committee Reports:

Cresco Station Museum Mickey Miller and Joanne Seese

The Cresco Station Museum will be open all Sundays in October 1 pm - 4 pm. Winter days and hours will be November, December, January, February, March and April on the first Sunday of the month from 1 pm - 4 pm.

Excursion Train

The second train of the season from Steamtown to the Cresco Station Museum, Cresco, arrived as scheduled on Sunday, August 27th. It was a beautiful sunny breezy day enjoyed by all. John James displayed an array of his paintings of the local area, several classic cars were on display for all to enjoy, and the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library auctioned off a framed collection of three sketches done by John James as well as having an activity for all the children to participate in. They all were given chalk to draw and decorate a "Train Car" on the macadam. Amazing job! Our food truck was courtesy of Cooks Corner with a delicious menu to choose from. Kelly Planer and the Perks provided music with seating under the tent. Although Mr. Swingle was unable to be there with his homemade ice cream, not to fear - there was plenty of ice cream and toppings as well as ice cream sandwiches for all to enjoy. It was a great day of outdoor fun! *See page 7 for photos.*

Last Chance to Catch the Train

October 15th between 12:30 and 1:00 pm the last Train Excursion from Steamtown will be pulling into the Cresco Station Museum. There will be something for everyone. John James and Friends will provide music under the tent, Cook's food truck will offer plenty of good things to eat and of course the ice cream. Pocono Mountain Classics will have their antique classic cars on display and the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library will have an activity for the children to participate in. We have also contacted small businesses in the township and invited them to attend bringing their specialties to have for sale. Come join us to welcome the passengers and enjoy the fall season

Historian Laurie Dunlap and Jacqueline Magann

The President's Plaque and the Charter Members Plaque are being updated.

Library Research Center Jacqueline Magann

Thank you to Mrs. Gary (Joan) Shafer for her donation of George Harrison Shafer's memorabilia and to Linda Vashlishan and John Styk for collecting and delivering the materials to the LRC.

Members of the Embroiderers' Guild demonstrated the art of embroidery at the August Excursion Train Day. They will also join us for the October 15th Excursion Train Day. Drop by and say Hello!

The LRC will be open all Sundays in October from 1 pm to 4 pm. Winter days and hours will be November, December, January, February, March and April on the first Sunday of the month from 1 pm to 4 pm or by appointment. Call Jackie Magann at 570-595-9233 to make arrangements.

A few weeks ago a message was recorded at the LRC from Graham Andoe. I eagerly returned the call with the information Graham was seeking on the overhead bridge at Cresco. Graham Andoe is a name familiar to me. He donated a set of trains to the Cresco Station Museum when it first opened and was given a Life Membership. Over the years our correspondence was returned and we lost touch. Graham is once again in our membership list and living in Alabama. He attended Barrett Consolidated School and graduated in the Class of 1954. When a young lad he waited for the school bus at the Cresco Station and has many fond memories of the Barrett area. We shall keep the communication open!

Nominating Committee 2023

Members of the 2023 Nominating Committee include: Laurie Dunlap, Mary Price, and Darryl Speicher.

Proposed slate of officers for 2024;

President: Darryl Speicher

Vice President: Walter Lewis

Corresponding Secretary: Hannelore Gaupp

Recording Secretary: Ellen Davis

Treasurer: Claudia Shoemsmith-Fox

Board of Directors remain the same: Shirley Lansdowne, Jayne Blair, Mary Price, Marie Guidry and Claudia Stewart.



Pocono Mountain Embroiders' Guild of America

Two members of the Pocono Mountain Embroiders' Guild of America demonstrated their needlework skills in August when the train from Steam Town came to visit the Cresco Station. The art of embroidery was shown in the Barrett Township Historical Society and Library Research Center. Many visitors were unfamiliar with several of the techniques. The two members are encouraging young and old to enjoy this relaxing hobby. The Guild members will be available on October 15, 2023 to again show some of their talents when the Steam Town train returns to Cresco. Guild meetings are held the second Monday of the month and help is always available for beginners and those more experienced. For further information please call: Pat Paretta 570-619-7382 or Pat Scully 570-629-2291

Parkside Chapel of Henryville

Parkside Chapel of Henryville celebrated the 130th Anniversary of the founding in 1893 on Sunday, September 24, 2023. In spite of inclement weather, a party was held with cake and refreshments after the church service. Of course, Happy Birthday was sung!!!! The Chapel is closed now for the season, and will reopen on June 2, 2024 until September 29, 2024. With no facilities or electricity, services are not held year-round. Please come attend a service next year at 11:00 each Sunday. Experience "church as it used to be".



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Program Recaps for July, August and September

Our program for July was a presentation of John Abel's latest book, "Silent Legacies". We were treated first to learning the necessary qualifications for writing a book of historical fiction which this is. The total time put into writing this type of book is about four years. John spent at least two years researching all of the elements put into the book which is based on the death of Horatio Howell, a chaplain in the Union Army, who was mistakenly killed by a Confederate soldier at The Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Much of the research information came from letters from the soldiers sent home to their family and sweethearts. The book goes on to include the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1913 which took place July first through the third with approximately 50,000 veterans from across the country attending. This number far exceeded the 5,000 tents initially put up to house the veterans for the three days but they were able to miraculously pull this off plus also being able to feed this many soldiers three meals a day. Here is where the mystery of who the soldier was who killed Horatio Howell comes to light. Perhaps the greatest take-away from this book is the fact that it demonstrates the forgiveness and reconciliation between soldiers of the North and South which occurred at this momentous event in history!

Fun Facts: Horatio Howell had been a former minister in a Delaware Water Gap Church before the Civil War and has at least one descendent living in the Barrett Township area. Also, it is reported that when General George Pickett was asked what the one element of failure was at the Battle of Gettysburg he answered that the Yankees had something to do with it!

There was no regular program held for August. We celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Society with a dinner held at the Evergreen Community School, Cresco, Pennsylvania, on August 4th catered by Cook's Corner. The food was delicious and served by Evergreen students on tables decorated with beautiful home grown flower arrangements donated by Sharon Rose Price. Society President and Master of Ceremonies, Darryl Speicher, showed a power point presentation of the Society's accomplishments over the years, especially the activities of the Cresco Station Museum and the Library Research Center in Cresco. We are grateful to the Weiler Family Foundation for the use of those buildings. Darryl acknowledged the founding and charter members present from 1993. Music was provided by Ruth Kochera on her keyboard. The singing of the "Barrett Township, PA" ballad written by Keith Herrmann for the Barrett Sesquicentennial ended the program.



30th Anniversary Cake



Darryl Speicher and Ruth Kochera, pianist for the evening

Our program for September was "Tocks Island: Damned If You Do" written by David Pierce. This is a story about the homegrown movement that defeated the Delaware River Dam. However, it is a story of considerable loss for those people owning approximately 8,000 parcels of farms, homes and summer camps which were targeted for condemnation. The Tocks Island Project was named for the small island just north of Delaware Water Gap where the dam was to be built. The program included a power point presentation as well as a beautifully hand drawn map showing the entire stretch of

water and where the dam was to be placed. In the end it was the homegrown movement that defeated the Delaware River Dam. Nancy Shukaitis was very instrumental in getting the project finally shut down. What we do have today is a 70,000-acre national recreation area attracting millions each year.

Interesting Fact: After the many years this went on, geologically it never would have passed anyway because the Army Corp of Engineers never where able to get to bedrock which would be needed to support the building of the dam.



Barrett Paradise Friendly Library Display

The Barrett Township Historical Society display case at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library for October and November 2023 will be vintage school books, readers, and an 1889 yearbook from Lehigh University. Come take a look!

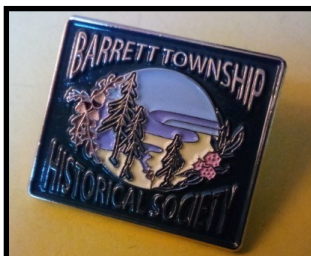
Just a reminder we are rotating items every two months. The next display will be for the months of December and January featuring Vintage Christmas Ornaments. If anyone has a collection of something they would like us to display, please contact Ellen Davis at belle45@ptd.net.



October and November Display will feature vintage school books



December and January Display will feature vintage Christmas ornaments



Did you know, if you are a pin collector, that Mickey Miller will be happy to sell you one of these at the train station?



Upcoming Programs



October 20, 2023 @ 2 pm

“Vintage Post Cards of the Villages and Resorts of Barrett Township”

This program will be a power point presentation by Jacqueline Magann giving the history and evolution of post cards highlighting the Society’s post card collection housed at the Library and Research Center in Cresco. If you have post cards you would like to share at the program, please call Jackie at 570-595-9233 to make arrangements. Refreshments will be served

November 17, 2023 @ 2 pm

“Winter Wonders” by Kettle Creek Environmental Center”

This program will be a power point presentation by one of the Kettle Creek Environmental Educators and will get you excited for the coming winter! Are you ready to learn about the animals and birds found here in the winter? Do you know which are active and which are sleeping? When you do, then you will be ready to walk out in the winter and discover the “wonders of winter”. Please join us for this very interesting and exciting program. Refreshments will be served.



December 15, 2023 @ 2 pm

“The Twelve Days of Christmas.”

For our Christmas get-together we would like to have everyone submit “old time” pictures of buildings in Barrett Township decorated for the holidays. These can be of businesses or private homes. Please submit your pictures by the third week of November to stationmuseum@gmail.com. so we can put these together for a slide show for all to enjoy. Also, please bring with you a “special” Christmas ornament and let us know the story behind why it is so special. Of course, what is Christmas without a “cookie exchange”? Please bring a dozen of your favorites if you would like to participate. Music will be by Ruth Kochera. There will also be a little “extra surprise” for your enjoyment. Refreshments will be served.

January 19, 2024 @ 2 pm (This will be a dual program)

“The Sprag Mill” by Mickey Miller

Theodore B. Price invented the Sprag which was patented and first used in 1902. Do you know what a sprag looks like and what it was used for? Do you know who the “runners” were and what their job was? If not, please join us for the story behind this invention and enjoy slides showing the actual machine which makes the sprags and how and why it came into being.

“The History of the Cresco Garage” by Malinda Bender

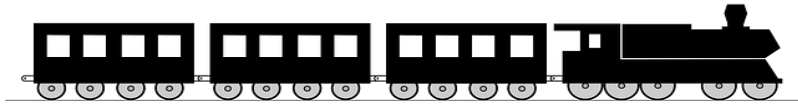
The Cresco Garage was built in the early 1900’s (approximately 1906) and has an interesting history. Come find out who the original owners were right up to the latest owners who just purchased the Cresco Garage in January of this year after the current owner of several years passed away. Refreshments will be served.

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Train Day

August 27th, 2023



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Condolences to our Members



Doris Price Fellows (nee Doris Helen Price) died peacefully with family by her side on July 7, 2023. Doris was nearly 100 years old, the last surviving child of Violet Hallett Price and Raymond Price of Mountainhome, PA. Doris lived most of her life in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania and upstate NY, raising her family in Syracuse and Fayetteville, NY.

In her youth, she attended Barrett Consolidated School and graduated in the class of 1944 from Syracuse University where she was a fine arts major, cheerleader, member of the Tri Delta sorority, and voted Junior Beauty of 1943. Doris married Driscoll Harry Fellows, whom she met in college, on March 13, 1945, in Cresco, PA.

Doris loved painting, drawing and anything artistic, including making artwork from shells from one of her favorite vacation spots, Sanibel Island. An active member of the Barrett Township Historical Society in her retirement, which brought her back home to the Poconos, Doris

designed the Barrett Township Historical Society logo in 1995. In her later years she moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, to be closer to her family.

A graveside celebration of her life was held at the Moravian High Acres Cemetery in Canadensis, PA, on what would have been her 100th birthday, August 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Barrett Township Historical Society, PO Box 358, Mountainhome, PA 18342.

Doris Fellows will always be remembered as the designer of the Barrett Township Historical Society Logo, and well she should be. She and June Price Young (cousins) began the first Ways and Means Committee by contributing monies to the Society treasury for the purpose of purchasing the "Ocean Waves" Amish quilt to raffle. Doris and June were also members of the Research Committee for 11 years when we were first alphabetizing the 1860 census for Barrett Township. She remains in our hearts.



Paul E. "Pop" Nauman, 95, a lifetime resident of the Cresco area, died Monday afternoon, September 11, 2023, at St. Luke's Hospital - Monroe campus in Bartonsville. He was the husband of the late Gloria L. (Masker) Nauman with whom he shared 66 years of marriage at the time of her death on May 28, 2014.

Born on July 10, 1928 at home in Cresco, he was a son of the late Stanley and Viola (Bender) Nauman.

He was a graduate of Barrett Township High School and in early years worked for G.H. Litts and C.W. Good. Paul owned and operated the family business, S.R. Nauman and Sons Excavating Company for many years. He also operated a repair garage in Mountainhome and the boating concession stand at Promised Land State Park; worked in the Pocono Mountain School District Transportation Department; and was proud of the sawmill he built and operated on his property.

He was a member of the Pocono Lodge #780 F&AM since 1949, a long-time member of the Keokee Chapel United Methodist Church; a member of Forest Fire Crew #34 for over sixty years where he also served as warden, and a member of the Barrett Township Historical Society. He also served on the East Stroudsburg South Jointure School Board for twenty-two years and on the Price Township Planning Commission.

Historical Recipe Side by Side: Apples

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

Its Fall! My favorite time of the year, the colors on the trees, autumn colored clothing, ScarecrowVille in Barrett Township, pumpkins, and best of all – Apples. I love apples. I can eat them plain, with Peanut butter, in my oatmeal, as a soup, in a pie, or stuffed in a turkey. You name a dish, I have an apple recipe that will accompany that dish. But before we start passing out apple recipes, let's just talk apples.

Apples as a fruit range from sugary-sweet to lip-smacking tart, and in texture from baking soft to slicing crisp. That old saying “an apple a day keeps the doctor away”, wasn't far from the truth. Apples are packed full of vitamin C, antioxidants, and fiber. It's a healthy fruit.

My current favorite apple is the Cosmic Crisp. It's both sweet and tart, and lives up to the crisp juicy promise in its name. Make your own decision, try one of each, here is a list of the most popular apples (at least according to www.marianos.com a subsidiary of the Kroger Co.).

Type of Apple	Sweetness	Best Used For	Peak Season
Fuji	The sweetest apple variety	Snacking Applesauce Salads	Mid to late October
Gala	Highly sweet	Snacking Applesauce Salads	Late July to early September
Golden Delicious	Sweet, Rich and mild in flavor	Snacking Baked Apples Applesauce	Mid to late September
Red Delicious	Sweet-Tart mix but very mild flavor	Snacking Salads	Mid to late September
Honeycrisp	Balanced Sweet and Tart with Rich aromatic flavor	Snacking Salads	September
Cosmic Crisp	Very Sweet with some tartness	Snacking Salads Baking Pairing with wine and cheese	December
Opal	Quite sweet and slight floral	Snacking Salads Baking appetizers Pairing with wine and cheese	December to March

Type of Apple	Sweetness	Best Used For	Peak Season
Envy	Extremely Sweet	Snacking Salads Cider Mocktails Pork Recipes	May to October
Jazz	Sweet – Tart Combo	Snacking Baking Salads Sauces	Early to Mid October
Pink Lady	Quite Tart	Snacking Baking Salads Sauces	Mid to late October
Granny Smith	Very Tart	Baking Salads Baked Apples	Mid to late October



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What's new with COVID-19?

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

As mentioned in the July 2023 newsletter, the COVID-19 virus continues to circulate in high levels around the world, and continues to mutate to create variants. The World Health Organization (WHO) tracks these variants, their phenotype and their impact on countermeasures. As I mentioned in July, countermeasures are things we as humans are doing to stop the virus such as getting vaccinated, wearing masks, and washing our hands.

This Fall, we are very fortunate in that we have three new vaccines available to us to help prevent respiratory illness. Two are updated for new variants, and one is brand new. This fall you can receive an updated Influenza (Flu Shot) vaccine, and updated COVID-19 vaccine, and the brand-new RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) vaccine. All three will help prevent respiratory diseases, and in the case of the COVID-19 vaccine will hopefully also prevent some of the long-term post-disease conditions that people have had to face.

There are three different manufacturers of the COVID-19 vaccine. You can receive any of the three vaccines. They are:

Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines which are mRNA vaccines.

Novavax COVID-19 vaccine which is a protein subunit vaccine.

Just as previously given, these vaccines are given as a shot in the muscle of the upper arm or in the thigh of a young child. COVID-19 vaccine ingredients are considered safe for most people. . As stated on the CDC website, None of the COVID-19 vaccines affect or interact with our DNA and the following are **not** included in the vaccines:

No preservatives such as thimerosal or mercury or any other preservatives.

No antibiotics such as sulfonamide or any other antibiotics.

No medicines or therapeutics such as ivermectin or any other medications.

No tissues such as aborted fetal cells, gelatin, or any materials from any animal.

No food proteins such as eggs or egg products, gluten, peanuts, tree nuts, nut products, or any nut byproducts. (COVID-19 vaccines are not manufactured in facilities that produce food products).

No metals such as iron, nickel, cobalt, titanium, or rare earth alloys. They also **do not have** any manufactured products like microelectronics, electrodes, carbon nanotubes or other nanostructures, or nanowire semiconductors.

No latex. The vial stoppers used to hold the vaccine also do not contain latex.

After the body produces an immune response, it discards all of the vaccine ingredients, just as it would discard any substance that cells no longer need. This process is a part of normal body functioning.

Sources:

WHO Tracking SARS-CoV-2 Variants <https://www.who.int/activities/tracking-SARS-CoV-2-variants> accessed Oct 4, 2023

CDC Overview of COVID-19 Vaccines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/overview-COVID-19-vaccines.html> accessed Oct 5, 2023

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7% of the assessed valuation of the taxable property to defray the cost of acquiring a site and grounds and construction, furnishings, and completion of a new township consolidated school. The indebtedness was not to exceed \$80,313, to be raised by coupon bonds. The assessed valuation at that time was \$1,617,330. Board members Stanley VanVliet, Sue Price, Allen Price and Charles Evans voted yes; I.G. Mick voted no. The resolution was approved at a public vote on June 17, 1925; 310 people voted yes, 89 voted no.

At the July 2, 1925, meeting the board voted to accept the contract of Rinker and Lacy, Architects, of East Stroudsburg, to draw plans for the new building. In September of that year the board voted to send Supervising Principal, Mr. Isaac Walter, to Harrisburg to discuss plans for the new building and a new course of study with Department of Education officials there. The new school would educate students in grades one through twelve.

On October 9, 1925, the board accepted the low bid of \$55,573.66 from Alvin Shook to serve as general contractor. Joseph O'Hora received the plumbing contract for \$6,336. This included drainage and sewage. Other contracts were awarded later, as the building proceeded.

In early December 1925, three board members were added: Dr. DeKay, Frank Brown and Charles Evans who had been previously appointed to serve the balance of the term of Emmett E. Boone.

The board minutes for 1925 and 1926 contain a myriad of details of the progress of the new school, obtaining funding, securing insurance and awarding additional bids. We do not have the space to list all of them. If you have an interest and spare time, the minutes are filed in the administration building of the Pocono Mountain School District and are available to the public by appointment.

In March of 1926 the board discussed the sale of the four exiting school sites, the Howard Price School by the mouth of Mill Creek, the Seese School, the Canadensis School and the Mountainhome School. These sites were subsequently placed for sale at public auction on January 29, 1927. In August 1926 concerned that the new school would not be ready for occupancy on the September 13th deadline, the board notified the contractor, Alvin Shook, that they were "not satisfied with progress" at the school and urged that it be made ready on time.

The minutes of the board indicate that the September 9, 1926, meeting was the first one to be held in the new school building.

In 1931, the board voted to increase indebtedness by \$35,000 for an addition to the building, which would house an assembly hall/gym, and for the purchase of additional land for a playground.

The dedication ceremony for the new Barrett Township Consolidated School was held on November 11, 1927. In the early 1930's (1932?), two additional wings were added to the building, reportedly, reportedly constructed by workers of the WPA. We have no records of costs or funding of this project. This school served Barrett Township until Fall 1961 when students from grades seven through twelve began to attend the new Pocono Mountain Joint School, commonly known as "the jointure" in Swiftwater. The 1926 building then housed grades one through six, with kindergarten added the following year.

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Update: The Barrett Consolidated School was demolished in 2016.

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New Membership

Membership Renewal

Last Name _____ First Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Regular Membership

Individual \$20.00

Family \$30.00

Business/Organization
\$50.00

Sustaining Membership

Friend \$51.00 - \$99.00

Patron \$100.00 - \$249.00

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