

W B M T

BC-126
June 1975

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

OFFICIAL NO. 1004

Date first licensed 8-24-78

Call letters W B M T

Station location Boxford, Mass

Name of licensee MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

Transmitter location Endicott Road, Boxford, Massachusetts {PED 12-16-76}

Main studio location Endicott Road, Boxford, Massachusetts {PED 12-16-76}

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To.
BPED-2264 HAAT: 19' {L}	12-16-76	88.3MHz ch. 202	H&V ERP: 710 watts H&V CP for NEW EDUC FM		12-16-77
BPED-2264 (1)	3-14-77	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED &			EBSA
BLED-1742 HAAT: 19' (H&V)	8-24-78	88.3MHz ERP: 710 W (H&V) #202 Lic. (BPED-2264) for New	U		4-1-81 Station.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W B M T
XNEW

Name Masconomet Regional School System
Boxford, Massachusetts (Endicott Road, Boxford, Massachusetts)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-2264 Rec'd Filed NO FEE REQUIRED PN REC'D PRESS:	5-28-76 6-1-76 6-1-76 6-1-76 AUG 2 1976	CP for new Educational FM station on: 88.3mhz #202 ERP:0.710KW(HAAT: 19' Trans. ITA Electronics 1000A/C; Ant: Phelps-Dodge CP-1000-2, 2 sects. TL SL: Endicott Road, Boxford, Massachusetts 42° 37' 39" 70° 58' 30" Atty: --- Engr: Kathleen Lynch (Duxbury, Mass.)	GRANTED COND'L {Trans}	12-16-76
BLED-1742 R & F PTA: PRESS:	12-13-77 12-23-77 1-18-78 MAR 3 1978	Lic. (BPED-2264) New Station. Trans: McMartin BFlK Atty: ---	GRANTED	8-24-78
BRED-801128WB PRESS	DEC 23 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-31-81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

