WCSK

Educational-FM

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed 4-28-80

Call Letters W C S K

Station Location Kingsport, Tennessee

Name KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Transmitter Location Bays Knob 2.5mi. SW center of city at WKPT-FM transmitter building

Main studio location 1800 Legion Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPED-2643 HAAT: 920' (H&V) (L)	6/18/79	90.3mhz ERP: 19.5w (H&V) Class: D Secondary Ch.#212 CP FOR NEW EDUCATIONAL-FM	6/18/80
BPED-2643 (1)	8/27/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA ISS.
BLED-800318AF (L)	4-28-80	90.3mhz ERP: 19.5 WATTS (H&V) HAAT: 920' (H&V) LIC: (BPED-2643, as mod.) for a new station.	8-1-82
BMPED791220AG (L) HAAT: 910'(h&v) ISSUED AS NEW CP	1-27-81	Mod. of CP(BPED-2643) ERP & HAAT. ERP: 195 Watts(h&v)	to incre 7-27-81

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCSK
NEW EDUC FM

Name Kingsport City Schools Board of Education
Kingsprot, Tennessee(PO 1701 E Center Street, Kingsport, Tn 36674)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-2643 R&F PRESS: ACCEPTED	2-1-78 2-15-78 JAN 22 1979	Construction permit for new Educational FM Station on: Frequency: 90.3MHz #212 ERP: .02KW HAAT: 881.5' trans: McMartin B910T Ant: PHELPS-DODGE ECFM -5,5 sections TL: Bays Kn ob 2.5 miles SW Center of City at WKPT-FM Bldg., Kingsprot, Tn. SL&RC: 1800 Legion Dr., Kingsport, Tennessee 30 21 37 82 35 12 CUT OFF	GRANTED	6/18/79
BMPED-791220AG AUG 22 80 PN RECD.	5-14-80 OCT 3 80	Mod of CP(BPED-2643) incr ERP: 193 watts HAAT: 924.5'	GRANTED ISSUED AS NEW CP	1-27-81
BLED-800318AF PRA PRESS APR 03 1980		License to cover (BPED-2643, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: None	GRANTED	4-28-80

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WCSK

Name KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Station Location: KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLED-810803AJ PTA PRESS	AUG 25 1981	License to cover (BMPED-791220AG) for changes. Atty: --	

Form BC-121
March 1979

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.