NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

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Official No. 13

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-29-48

Call letters W D T R
LOCATION: DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Name of licensee THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DETROIT

Transmitter location 9345 Lawton, Detroit, Michigan

Main studio location 9345 Lawton, Detroit, Michigan

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.(mc)	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
B2-PED-34	2-27-46 Letter	91.3	2.0 kw Effective radiated power	U Emission: Special for FM	
C.P. for new noncommercial educational B/C station					
B2-MPED-39	10-18-46	91.3	2.0 kw	U	12-18, 6-18-46
Mod of C.P. to make changes in ant. system & specify type of transmitter					
B2-MPED-39	10-18-46	91.3	2.0 kw	U	12-18 6-18-47
Superseding authorization correcting completion date 12-18 6-18-47					
BMPED-60	5-16-47	91.3	2.0 kw	U	By 12-18-46 To 9-18-47
Mod. CP to change date of completion of Construction GRANTED 5-16-47 Terr. 170'					
	6-27-47	90.9 (Ch. 215)			
Freq. assignment accord. to 6728					
BMPED-77	9-2-47	90.9	2.0 kw.	U	By 12-18-46 To 12-18-47
MOD. CP change type of trans., overall height above ground, freq., antenna supporting structure and ext. of completion date.					
BMPED-94	11-26-47	Ext. of completion date to			3-18-48
Telegram	1-6-48	Helet 31, Auth. granted period ending March 18, 1948 using facilities specified in CP B2-PED-94 for purpose FM program service. Application forms for license being forwarded by mail.			
BLED-21	3-29-48	90.9 mc Ch#215	2 kw Terr:	U 170'	3-29-48 to 3-29-49
License to cover (mailed 4-30-48)					
BRED-13	3-23-49	Renewal of license			To 9-1-49
BRED-13	8-31-49	Renewal of license			To 9-1-52
BRED-13	8-6-52	Renewal of license to			9-1-55
BRED-13	8-31-55	Renewal of license to			10-1-55(S)
BRED-13	8-21-55	Renewal of license to			10-1-58 S
BPED-335	8-26-57 Terr. 140'	90.9	2 kw	U	10-26 4-26-58
CP to change TPO to .6 kw, install new transmiss. line & change ant system					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location .....

Name of licensee ....THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DETROIT....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq. Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
BLED-2037 (1) HAAT 1[illegible]	6-30-58	11[illegible]. to HAAT: Antenna; 90.9	30kw Kw	BPED-[illegible] to Overall [illegible]. U	[illegible]	TPO:
BRED-13	9-10-58	Renewal of license			to	10-1-61
BPED-456 HAAT:175	1-30-61	90.9mcs Ch.215	17-kw TPO: [illegible]-kw	U	3-30-61 9-30-61	
CP to install new trans, new ant., increase ERP, HAAT, and make changes in antenna system.						
BRED-13	9-7-61	90.9	12kw	U	10-1	10-1-64
BLED-328 (2) TPO:5kw	9-27-61	License to cover CP(BPED-456) to install new transmitter; antenna, increase ERP, HAAT & make changesin antenna system HAAT:175' ERP: 17kw				
BSED-13 (Tele)	3-4-64 Mod. Lic.	90.9mcs delete obstruction marking.	17kw	U	3-4	10-1-64
BRED-13	9-30-64	Renewal of License			10-1	10-1-67
BRED-13	9-11-67	Renewal of License			10-1	10-1-70
BRED-13(S)	9-30-70	Renewal				10-1-73
EBSA	5-15-72					
BRED-13(L)	9-27-73	RENEWAL		.		10-1-76
BRED-13{S}	9-15-76	Renewal of license				10-1-79
BRED790529UV(S)	9-21-79	Renewal of license				10-1-82
COMTEL	3-21-80	SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY GRANTED OPERATE AT REDUCED POWER DUE TO THE POWER TRANSFORMER IN THE TRANSMITTER BURNING OUT. THIS AUTHORITY EXPIRED 5-3-80. NOTIFY WHEN NORMAL.				
COMTEL	9-12-80	AU. & TERMS COMTEL 3-21-80 EXT. THRU 11-3-80 DUE TO DELAY IN RECEIVING EQUIP				

Form 94

NonCommercial Educational

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

Call letters W D T R ~~New~~

Name THE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, ~~OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT~~ ~~STATE OF MICHIGAN BY E.M. LANE, SECRETARY~~
(P.O. 1354 Broadway, Detroit (26), Mich.)

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION: NATURE	ACTION: DATE
B2-PED-34 Recd	4-6-44 4-20-44	Construction permit for new noncommercial educational broadcast station. Frequency: ~~42,700 kc~~ Power: 1 kw Emission: Special for FM Hours of operation: 3 hours Unlimited T-9345 Lawton, Detroit, Mich.	~~Ret. 4-25-44; Sec. 1, 4, 6, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 29, 10(b)(3) and Jurat incomplete.~~ GRANTED	2-27-46
Resubmitted and Amended Recd Filed	5-19-44 5-22-44 5-22-44	Amended to add "Unlimited" to Hours of Operation. and change applicant's name, from The Board of Education of the City of Detroit, State of Michigan to The Board of Education of the School District of the City of Detroit by E. M. Lane, Secretary.	Letter written 5-8-46	

CARD #2

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WDTR ~~W-E-W~~

Name THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ~~OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT~~ OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, ~~BY E.M.LANE,~~ (Secretary)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B2-PED-34 Amended Rec'd	Cont'd 9-11-45 9-13-45	Amended to change name of applicant from The Board of Education of the School District of the City of Detroit, by E.M.Lane, Secretary to THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, change frequency from 42.7 mcs. to "to be determined after final allocation is made" specify type transmitter as R.E.L. 518-DL Max.1kw and specify antenna system		
B2-MPED-39 Rec'd	8-20-46 8-26-46	Mod. of C.P.(B2-PED-34) to make changes in antenna system and specify type of transmitter ~~(REL--501-B-DL)~~	GRANTED	10-18-46
Amend. Rec'd Filed	9-17-46 9-20-46 9-20-46	Amended to change type of transmitter. (REL 518 B-DL)		

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CARD #3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING NON COMMERCIAL ED.

Call Letters W D T R

Name THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DETROIT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPED-60 Rec'd Filed	5-8-47 5-12-47 5-12-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PED-34 as modified) which authorized a new noncommercial educational broadcast station, for extension of completion date from 6-18-47 to 9-18-47.	GRANTED	5-16-47
BMPED-77 Recd. Filed	8-8-47 8-11-47 8-11-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PED-34 as modified which authorized a new noncommercial educational broadcast station, for extension of completion date from 9-18-47 to 12-18-47.	GRANTED	9-2-47
BMPED-94 Rec'd Filed	11-14-47 11-17-47 11-17-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PED-34 as modified) which authorized a new ~~FM broadcast~~ noncommercial station for extension of completion date from 12-18-47 to 3-18-48.	GRANTED	11-26-47
BLED-81 Rec'd Filed	2-16-48 2-24-48 2-24-48	License to cover (B2-PED-34 as modified) which authorized a new Non-Commercial Educational FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	3-29-48

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-13 Recd Filed	1-20-49 1-24-49 1-24-49	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-23-49
BRED-13 Recd Filed	6-16-49 6-20-49 6-20-49	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-31-49
BRED-13 Recd. Filed	5-26-52 5-28-52 5-28-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-6-52
BRED-13 Recd & filed	6-17-55 6-23-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED 8-31-55	
BRED-13 Recd & filed	9-12-55 9-13-55	Informal request for renewal of license	GRANTED 9-21-55	

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WDTR

Name THE BOARD OF EDUCA. OF CITY OF DETROIT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-335 Recd & filed	7-29-57 7-31-57	C.P. to make changes in licensed station to change HAAT: to 141.8 ft.TPO from 1 kw. To .6 kw. install a new transmission line, and change antenna system.	GRANTED	8-26-57
BLED-227 Recd Filed	1-28-58 1-30-58 1-30-58	License to cover CP (BPED-335) which authorized changes in licensed station.	GRANTED	6-30-58
BRED-13 Rec'd Filed	6-16-58 6-18-58 6-18-58	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-10-58
BPED-455 Rec'd&Filed	11-17-60 11-21-60	Construction permit to install a new transmitter(Standard Type 2012-5;install new antenna(Jampro JA-4); incr. ERP from 2 kw to 16.9kw; incr. HAAT from 140' to 175.6' and make changes in ant. system(Incr. height).	GRANTED HAAT: ERP:	1-30-61 175' 17-kw

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

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-13 Rec'd&Filed	6-15-61 6-19-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-7-61
BLED-328 R & F	7-18-61 7-19-61	Lic. to cover CP(BPED-456) to install new trans., antenna; incr. ERP, HAAT, make changes in antenna system.	GRANTED	9-27-61
BRED-13 R & F	8-4-64 8-10-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-30-64
BRED-13 R & F	6-22-67 6-23-67	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	9-11-67
BRED-13 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	6-25-70 6-29-70 JUL 6 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-30-70

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.D.T.R.

Name THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DETROIT
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-13 R & F PN PRESS JUL 17 1973	6-25-73 7-5-73 7-5-73	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-27-73
BRED-13 R & F PN Recd. PRESS AUG 5 1976	5-21-76 6-1-76 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-15-76
BRED 790529 UV PRESS JUL 2 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-21-79

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

90.9MHz.

Call Letters: W D T R

Name: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DETROIT

Station Location: DETROIT, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPED-801219AH (C)		CP to make chgs. in Ant. Sys,; chg. type Trans.; chg. type Ant. (RCA BFG-XDB); incre. ERP: ~~50kw~~ (H&V) & chg. TPO.	
ACCEPTED PN Recd. JUL 1 '81	CUT OFF MAY 18 '81	42° 22' 25" 83° 06' 50"	
Amended	1-21-81	Chg. ERP: ~~50 kW H&V~~; HAAT: ~~500' H&V~~	
Amended	3-20-81	Chg. ERP: 42 kW H&V; HAAT: 538' H&V	
Amended	4-8-81	V-G Section	
Amended	5-18-81	FAA Notice	
	6-26-81	COMMENTS OF THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FILED BY DANIEL W. TOOHEY THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	

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.