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BC-126
June 1975

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

OFFICIAL NO. 991

Date first licensed 6-27-78

Call letters W.T.B.R-FM

Station location Pittsfield, MA

Name of licensee PITTSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Transmitter location Taconic High School, Valentine Rd., Pittsfield, Mass.
{PED 12-21-76}

Main studio location Taconic High School, Valentine Rd., Pittsfield, Mass.
{PED 12-21-76}

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From To |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BPED-2328 {L} | 12-21-76 | 89.5MHz ch. | 208 TPO: | | 10 watts 12-21-77 |
| | CP for NEW EDUC FM Station | | | | |
| BPED-2328 (1) | 2-28-77 | Call letters assigned & EBSA issued. | | | |
| BRCED-173 | 11-29-77 | MP(BPED-2328) to operate trans by RC from the TL/SL site. | | | |
| BMPED-1540 (3) | 12-20-77 | MP(BPED-2328, as mod) chg Trans; mke chg ant sys (decr hght) and Trans line | | | |
| BLED-1761 | 6-27-78 | 89.5MHz #208 | ERP: -- | U | 4-1-81 |
| HAAT: -- | | | | | |
| Lic. | (BPED-2238, as mod.) for New Station. | | | | |

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WTBR-FM X NEW-EDUC-FM

Name Pittsfield Public School Committee
Pittsfield, Massachusetts(PO Valetine Road, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BPED-2328<br>R & F<br>NO FEE REQUIRED<br>PRESS:<br>PN REC'd: | 6-30-76<br>6-30-76<br><br>SEP 23 1976<br>12-1-76 | CP for New Educ. FM on: 89.5mhz. #208<br>TPO: 10 Watts<br>Trans: LPB-Electronics-FM-10; Ant: Phelps-Dodge-ECFM-6, 6 sects.<br>T-SL: Valentine Rd. at Taconic High School, Pittsfield, Massachusetts<br>42° 27' 34" - 73° 16' 31"<br>Atty----<br>Engr-- | GRANTED<br>COND'L | 12-21-76 |
| BMPED-1540<br>R & F | 10-31-77<br>11-3-77 | MP(BPED-2328) chg Trans (VERSACOUNT, V-322); mke chgs in Antenna system (decr hght); chg Transmission Line<br>Atty--- Engr. Edward F. Perry, Jr. | ACCEPTED & GRANTED | 12-20-77 |

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89.5mhz.

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.T.B.R-FM

Name PITTSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Pittsfield, Massahcusetts

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRCED-173<br>R & F<br>PRESS: NOV 23 1977 | 10-31-77<br>11-3-77 | Modification of Construction permit (BPED-2328) to operate Transmitter by Remote Control from the transmitter-studio site: Taconic High School, Valentine Road, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.<br><br>Atty:------ | GRANTED | 11-29-77 |
| BLED-1761<br>R & F<br>PTA:<br>PRESS: APR 24 1978 | 8-31-77<br>9-8-77<br>12-21-77 | Lic. (BPED-2328, as mod.) for New Station<br><br>Atty: --- | GRANTED | 6-27-78 |
| ~~790531AB~~<br>PRESS:<br>RESUBMITTED<br>~~790817AJ~~<br>790530AX | | Construction permit to chg freq to:89.7MHz#209; incr ERP: 375 watts and HAAT:117' | ~~RETURNED 7-11-79~~<br>~~Violation of Sec.~~<br>~~73.509 (Interference)~~ | |

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# APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

89.5mhz.

Call Letters: WTBR-FM

Name: PITTSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Station Location: PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BRED-801128WI<br>PRESS | DEC 23 1980 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | 3-30<br>ISSUED |

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# 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.