

On June 4, 1896 the Borough Council authorized the Board of Trustees to have the school removed along the public road. In November of that year it was sold to Henry J. Appert for \$65 and he moved it to his onion and celery farm where it was used for storage.

Nearly two years after Allendale withdrew from Orvil Township to incorporate as a borough ground was broken for Allendale's third public school building. The incorporation of the borough was itself a step which had been instigated by a school battle: Orvil Township proposed building a new school and planned to locate the school in Waldwick. Allendale's residents fought in vain to have the school located within their boundaries. When the decision was made to build in Waldwick, Allendale residents felt that the only way to ensure local schooling for their children was to form a separate borough.

The new school was built by Stephen Van Blarcom at a cost of \$5500. and occupied the same site that the 1862 school had -- the current Municipal Building site. The new school building was begun in June 1896 and was formally dedicated on December 18, 1896. The original building was about 50 by 60 feet and contained two rooms downstairs (kindergarten through grade four) and one large room divided by an accordion-type divider to make two rooms (grades 5 through 8) upstairs. Each room housed two grades, taught by one teacher. Early teachers at this school included Miss Murdock, Sadie Salyer, Ella Appert, Alfred Ackerman, John B. Zabriskie, Marie C. Maloney, Mrs. Joseph Ware and Anita Van Houten (Mrs. Stanley P. Fisher). Principals of the school prior to 1907 included John J. Ackerman (a nephew of James Alfred Ackerman, who had attended Allendale's first school and had taught in both the first and second schools), John B. Zabriskie, Adele Harris, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Brinkerhoff. In 1907 Willard Alling was appointed Principal, a position he held until his death on November 16, 1940.

Among the early Trustees of this school were Stephen Van Houten, C. W. Stocker, William C. Tallman, J. E. Van Horn, J. W. Griffiths, Albert Pulis and Harry Sherman. In June 1900 Allendale's largest class to date graduated--7 students! In 1914 an addition to the school was built at a cost of \$24,000. The school continued in service until 1929 when Allendale's fourth public elementary school--Brookside School--opened its doors to 225 students.

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