

W B E K

BC-126  
June 1975

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-11-80

Call letters W B E K

Station location Cherry Hill, N. Jersey

Name of licensee THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

Transmitter location Beck Middle School, Cropwell Rd. 08003

Main studio location Beck Middle School, Cropwell Rd. 08003

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.                  | Date<br>Issued | Freq.                                                                                 | Power           | Time<br>Div. | Period<br>From To |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| BPED-2199<br>(L)              | 12-8-78        | 88.1mhz                                                                               | tpo:<br>10watts | #201         | 12-8-79           |
| BPED-2199<br>(1)              | 7/20/79        | Class D-ed(secondary) CP FOR NEW ED-FM STATION<br>CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED & BBSA ISSUED |                 |              |                   |
| -----                         |                |                                                                                       |                 |              |                   |
| BPED-800110AK<br>(now issued) | 1-28-80        | CP to replace                                                                         | empired CP      |              | 4-1-80            |
| BLED-791214AF                 | 4-11-80        | 88.1                                                                                  | ERP:            | ---          | 6-1-81            |
|                               | T.O.P.:        | .01 kw                                                                                |                 |              |                   |

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **WBEK**  
Letters **NEW-EDUC-FM**

Name **The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill**  
**Cherry Hill, New Jersey (PO Markress Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003)**

| File No.                                                      | Dated                                              | Application for                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Action                             |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
|                                                               |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Nature                             | Date    |
| BPED-2199<br>R & F<br>No Fee Required<br>Press<br>P. N. Rec'd | 1-26-76<br>2-2-76<br><b>APR 13 1976</b><br>5-13-76 | CP for New Educ. FM on: 88.1mhz #201<br>TPO: 10 Watts<br>Trans: QEI, Inc. 675-T; Ant: RCA BFA-1B,<br>1 sect.<br>TL-SL: Beck Middle School, Cropwell Road,<br>Cherry Hill, New Jersey<br><br>39° 53' 01.5" - 74° 56' 56.5"<br><br>Atty:----<br>Engr: Nugent S. Sharp<br>Exhl, Sect 11, 2B, Item B4 editorials | Granted                            | 12-8-78 |
| AMENDED<br>BPED-800110AK<br>PRESS: (0)                        | 11-2-76                                            | CP to replace expired permit(BPED-2199).<br>Atty: ----                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Granted<br>(not issued-341 on file | 1-28-80 |
| BLED-791214AF<br>PTA<br>PRESS                                 | 1/31/80<br><b>MAR 19 1980</b>                      | License to cover (BPED-2199, as mod) for a<br>new station.<br>Atty. none                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | GRANTED                            | 4-11-80 |

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## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Coll Letters: *WBEN*  
W B E K

Name: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

Station Location: Cherry Hill, New Jersey

| File No.                                      | Date | Description                                       | Action and Date |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| BRED81020268<br>PRESS MAR 26 1981<br>PN filed |      | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br><br>Atty. David M. Hunsaker | GRANTED 5-29-81 |

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

