

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 0214 ESB/40

**Title:** LLANWONNO SCHOOL BOARD

**Dates :** 1871-1903

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** [ ] cubic metres (22 vols., 1 bdle)

**Name of creator(s):** Llanwonno School Board

### **Administrative/biographical history**

The inadequacy of the provision for elementary education before 1870 - largely provided by the National Society for Anglicans, the British and Foreign Society mainly for religious nonconformists, and the Catholic Poor Schools' Society - attracted the attention of education reformers and central government throughout the earlier part of the 19th century. Central government first introduced grants for the establishment of schools in 1833 and established the Committee of Council in 1839 largely to oversee the system; this was renamed the Education Department in 1861. General concern with the situation and religious debate led to the setting up of the Newcastle Commission 1861 but the complacency of the subsequent report was not welcomed. The urgency of providing elementary education in the industrial valleys of south Wales owing to the rapid influx of workers, and their families, to provide labour in the ironworks and particularly the coal-mines was widely appreciated.

Pressure from educational and religious bodies, and politicians, led to the passing of the Education Act 1870 setting up a system of School Boards. Boards were elected by members of burgesses in boroughs and ratepayers in rural areas, and although the powers given to the boards, the system was essentially adoptive before 1876 and education provided by them was neither free nor compulsory. School Boards, however, established school attendance committees and most sharply reduced or abolished fees. The establishment of boards often depended upon local demands and local concern for gaps in the provision of elementary education by the religious societies. School Boards, however, possessed the right of making elementary education compulsory in their areas and the advantage of being able to use local rates to cover costs. School Boards were also not expected to teach any particular form of religious education and, as a consequence, most of the British Society schools rapidly transferred to the boards after the Act. Without access to rates, religious educational societies suffered financially, and management of public elementary education was placed in the care of local education authorities under the Education Act 1902. These bodies - generally known as Part III authorities - consisted of county boroughs (Cardiff, Swansea and Merthyr Tydfil, municipal boroughs with a population over 10,000 and urban districts over 20,000. Other areas were covered by Glamorgan County Council.

Llanwonno School Board covered the ecclesiastical parish of Llanwonno (Llanwynno) which included part of Pontypridd. Pontypridd formed its own board in 1895.

### **Archival history**

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

### **Scope and content**

Board minutes 1871-1903; building committee minutes 1886-1903; letterbooks 1895-1906; accounts ledger 1894-1899; teachers' salaries books c. 1890 and 1897-1900; cokkery accounts 1899-1908; inspectors' reports and related papers for Hopkinstown infants school and Mill Street board school 1871-1893

### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

### **Accruals**

Accruals are not expected

### **System of arrangement**

### **Conditions governing access**

Open access

### **Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

### **Language/scripts of material**

### **Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Fair to poor condition

### **Finding aids**

Detailed list available.

### **Existence and location of originals**

### **Existence and location of copies**

### **Related units of description**

Pontypridd School Board records (ref. ESB/50)

**Publication note**

**Note**

**Archivist's note**

Revised by the Glamorgan Record Office

**Rules or conventions**

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

**Date of description**

Revised May 2007

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ESB/40/1	Minutes book	1871-1879
ESB/40/2	Minutes book	1879-1883
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ESB/40/4	Minutes book	1886-1889
ESB/40/5	Minutes book	1889-1891
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ESB/40/12	Minutes book	1900-1901
ESB/40/13	Minutes book	1901-1903
ESB/40/14	Minutes book [14 vols.]	1903
ESB/40/15	Building Committee minutes book [1 vol.]	1886-1903
ESB/40/16	Letterbook	1895-1906
ESB/40/17	Letterbook [2 vols.]	1903
ESB/40/18	Accounts ledger [1 vol.]	1894-1899
ESB/40/19	Teachers' salaries book	c. 1890
ESB/40/20	Teachers' salaries book	1897-1899
ESB/40/21	Teachers' salaries book [3 vols.]	1899-1900
ESB/40/22	Cookery accounts book [1 vol.]	1899-1908
ESB/40/23	Inspectors' reports and related papers for Hopkinstown Infants School, and Mill Street Board School (earlier Pontypridd Wesleyan School) This includes several notes of school children Marked 'Documents relating to Wesley schoolroom and Llanwonno School Board 1871' [1 bdle]	1871-1893