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Also detailed in the minutes is the attempt of Firmin A. Rozier to reach an agreement with the school board on land known as the Old Academy grounds, claimed by the school board but occupied by Rozier. Rozier proposed establishing a school and educating fifty pupils at his own expense in return for a valid deed to the property. The proposal was defeated, but Rozier did open his Academy. He later made cash payment to the board and received a quitclaim deed to the Academy grounds.

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13 Apr 1853 Firmin A. Rozier’s contract with the City of Ste. Genevieve for schooling of students at the Ste. Genevieve Academy.

09 Feb 1854 Public notice of the opening of the Ste. Genevieve Academy.

05 Sep 1855 Firmin A. Rozier released from his contract.


27 Jul 1868 Establishment of female school.

13 Mar 1869 Definition of limits of the school district.
27 Nov 1869  Complaints against the teacher of the Negro school.

30 Apr 1870  Census of school-age children.

29 Jun 1874  Consolidation of male and female schools.  Classification of curriculum.

14 Aug 1875  Authorization of sale of $4,000 in bonds to finance new school building.

14 Oct 1876  “Rules and Regulations for the Government of Public Schools.”

30 Apr 1877  Census of School Children for 1877.

24 May 1878  Census of School Children for 1878.

02 Jun 1879  Establishment of a school library.

27 Jan 1880  Textbooks approved for use in schools.

06 Apr 1880  Clerk’s report to board.  Includes census of school-age children and treasurer’s report.

26 Apr 1880  Request for appropriations for emergency repairs to Negro school.

27 Apr 1881  Clerk’s report to school board.

04 Apr 1882  Clerk’s report to board.

03 Apr 1883  Treasurer’s report to board.

02 Jul 1883  Clerk’s report.  Committee established to investigate cause of “decline of Public Schools (white).”

31 Jul 1883  Complaints about clerk’s handling of necessary enumeration of school-age children for 1881 and 1882, causing possible loss of state school funds.

02 Apr 1885  Treasurer’s report and clerk’s record of enumeration.  (This report compiled 14 July 1885 and inserted in minutes by order of board.)

07 Jul 1885  Final entry in minute book.

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