

Arisaig and Moidart School Board  
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This School Board operated for 24 years between May 1895 and May 1919 and held its meetings at Kinlochailort Inn and later on at Arisaig. The Board's duties were taken over by the Education Authority in Inverness from 1919 till 1930 and these records can be viewed in Archives GB3218/CI/L/5/1 to 11 at Fort William Archives.

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First page "At Kinlochailort Inn on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1895. Held the first meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Arisaig and Moidart.

Present :-

William Blackburn, Esq., Roshven  
Revd. Angus Macdonald, Arisaig  
Col. John A. Macdonald of Glenaladale, Glenfinnan  
Donald McVarish, Farmer, Rhu, Arisaig.  
H.Y.L. Smith, Fort William, Returning Officer, Clerk and Treasurer. Salary £20 per annum, payable half-yearly and an outlay for postage, telegrams etc.

Mr Angus Macdonald, Bunacaimb, Arisaig, was appointed Compulsory Officer to visit the schools regularly once a month and on any other occasion specially required.

The Board hereby appoint Miss Astley, Arisaig House, and Miss Macdonald Glenfinnan to be Managers of the Schools in the District.

The Board having considered the question of the education of the children at Kinlochailort and Polish, authorise the clerk to intimate to Mr McNab, Hotel Keeper, Kinlochailort, that the Board are prepared to give him £1 a head for every child in regular attendance at school and also the grant earned on the footing that he secures a Teacher for his own children and any others who attend.

Kinlochailort Inn, July 26 1895.

The Chairman, Mr W. Blackburn, intimated that as he had been advised by the doctor to winter abroad, he would be compelled to resign his Membership. Mr A.W. Nicholson appointed chairman of the Board in place of Mr Blackburn.

Miss Forbes, Teacher Ardnish, having applied for leave of absence for three months to enable her to attend the Winter Session at Aberdeen College and qualify for her certificate and stating that Miss Macdonald, Assistant teacher at Glenuig, would take her place.

The Ardnish Sub-school passes very fairly except in Arithmetic and the three children from Roshven Sub-school had been well tutored.

Kinlochailort Inn, October 24 1895.

Submitted report (1) Glenuig School has earned a grant of £59/2/- and had passed a highly satisfactory examination. The Ardnish grant is £14/7/- and the school has passed very fairly except in Arithmetic. The Roshven Sub-school has been well tutored. (2) Glenfinnan School has

earned a grant of £29/9/- and the Report is satisfactory on the whole. Prof. Hugh Blackburn, Roshven, was appointed a member of the Board.

Mr S. MacNab, Kinlochailort Inn, declined the offer which the Board made him at the last meeting of providing itinerant Teacher to teach between Kinlochailort and Meoble, he providing the necessary accommodation while the Teacher was instructing his children.

The chairman stated that he had ascertained that there were about six children at Meoble, four at Kinloch Beoraid and about the same number at Kinlochmor, about fourteen in all.

Miss MacKay, Glenuig School, applied for an assistant teacher.

There was also submitted an application from Miss MacKay, Glenuig School, for an assistant teacher. The Board having considered the matter resolved to appoint Miss Maggie Macdonald Assistant Teacher at the school for the current school year at a salary of £15 to be paid quarterly, it being understood that Miss MacKay will open an evening school forthwith.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 14 1895.

Kinlochailort Inn, February 8 1896.

Prof. Blackburn appointed manager for Glenuig School

Rev. Angus Macdonald and A.W. Nicholson appointed to Managing Committee for Ardnish School.

Col. Macdonald and Miss Macdonald appointed as Managing Committee for Glenfinnan School.

Kinlochailort Inn, May 26 1896.

Letter submitted from Georgia Moodie, Teacher at Kinlochailort dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May resigning her appointment.

It was intimated that the sum of £1/5/- had been received from the Technical Education Committee of the County Council as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes to the scholars best qualified in sewing at Glenuig and Glenfinnan schools.

Instruct the Clerk to serve notices on the following parents of children complained of by Miss MacKay, Glenuig :-

John Cameron, shepherd, Glenuig  
Alexander Gillies, Smirisary  
Ann McPherson, Smirisary  
Ronald MacDonald, Samalaman  
John McIsaac, Roshven  
Lachlan McNeil, Smirisary  
John McPherson, Smirisary  
Widow Mysie Gillies, Smirisary.

Kinlochailort Inn, August 14 1896.

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> August was submitted for Miss Macdonald who is acting as temporary teacher at Ardnish resigning her appointment on account of the state of her health. Advert to go for new teacher for Ardnish, salary £40 with use of a partially furnished room.

Kinlochailort Inn, June 30 1896.

Annual Report of Inspection on Glenfinnan Public School. The Lochshiel Sub-school is very backward indeed. The Kinlochailort Sub-school is very well taught.

Kinlochailort Inn, October 21 1896.

Glenuig School has earned a Grant of £68/4/- and has passed a very satisfactory examination. The Ardnish Grant is £13/9/- and the Roshven sub-school has been very well taught. Glenfinnan School has earned a grant of £27/7/- . Kinlochailort sub-school is very well taught. A letter was submitted from Miss MacKay Glenuig asking that her month's Salary, due 6<sup>th</sup> November, and that of her Assistant Miss Reynolds due 11<sup>th</sup> November, might be paid by say 24<sup>th</sup> Inst. alleging as her reasons for the request the difficulty of procuring goods at Glenuig for the winter and pointing out that she had now a favourable opportunity of doing so. Miss MacKay stated in another letter that Miss Maggie Macdonald her late assistant had undertaken the cleaning of the school during last half year and she asked the Board to pay the half-year allowance for same due 11<sup>th</sup> Prox. The Board acceded to this request. Parish Council, having appointed Mrs. Peter Charles MacKenzie as Inspector of Poor, Arisaig and Moidart Parish, the Board hereby appoint Mrs MacKenzie as their Clerk and Treasurer as from this date at a Salary of £17 per annum payable half-yearly.

The Board hereby appoint Miss Mary Ann Macdonald, late of Mingarry, as Teacher for Ardnish school, as from 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. at a salary of £40 per annum, payable quarterly. The appointment to be terminated by three month's notice on either side.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 9 1896.

Ms MacNab given £5 with £1/10/- for each child presented at the Examination along with the Grant earned . Miss Maggie Macdonald was engaged as Assistant in Glenuig School at a Salary of £15 per annum from 11<sup>th</sup> November 1896.

Kinlochailort Inn, February 19 1897.

Letter from Mr Nicholson of Arisaig on Ardnish Teacher's House. Letter from The Toff, Manor Road, Bournemouth. I am willing to build a house and offices for this person's use adjoining the present Ardnish school and to let the same to the Ardnish and Moidart School Board for a yearly rent of £9/13/- . This small sum will not be expected by me unless it appears necessary during the building to make the house more satisfactory. I will of course, if desired, give a lease of the premises, but this hardly seems to me necessary. The school house is held by the Board on a yearly tenancy, I believe, at present . Arthur J. Nicholson.

Kinlochailort Inn, April 17 1897.

Revd A. Macdonald had instructed the Clerk to offer the situation of Teacher for the three shepherds' families at Meoble to Miss Christine J. Gillies, Colintrave, by Greenock, at a salary of £25 per annum (it being understood that the Shepherds supply the Board and lodging free) and that Miss Gillies had accepted the appointment and was to take up duties on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> Current, which the Board hereby approve off (sic).

The Board, considering a Petition signed by two persons for the Education of Children residing in the Temporary huts erected by the Contractors for the Railway, resolved that the matter does not call for action on the part of this Board.

Kinlochailort Inn, June 25 1897.

School Board Triennial Election of School Boards. Members elected :-

William Blackburn, Roshven  
Rev. Angus MacDonald, RC Clergyman, Arisaig  
John A. MacDonald of Glenaladale, Glenfinnan  
Donald MacVarish, Farmer, Rhue, Arisaig  
Arthur Nicholson, Esq., Arisaig House.

Kinlochailort Inn, November 4 1897.

Colonel MacDonald reported that Glenfinnan School had been broken into and some damage done to the premises which he had ordered to be repaired and which the Board approve of.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 16 1897.

The Board decided to approach the Contractor of the Mallaig Railway with a view to ascertain whether he would undertake to provide sufficient accommodation for the instruction of children and the lodging of the teacher, the Board being willing in such case to provide and pay the Teacher.

The Board are of the opinion that owing to the temporary character of the residence of the children, the Board cannot be expected to involve the ratepayers in such a serious expense as would be caused by providing both the buildings and the teacher's Salary.

Kinlochailort Inn, May 7 1898

Col. Macdonald reported that Mr Alexander Gibson had been appointed Inspector of Poor and the Board agreed to appoint Mr Gibson, Clerk and Treasurer, at a salary of £17 per annum.

The outside paint and putty of Glenuig School was in want of renewal and repair as well as some of the inside paint of the School-room (nothing having been done in that matter for fourteen years).

Kinlochailort Inn, August 19 1898

Miss Gillies resigned her appointment as Teacher of Meoble sub-school. Miss Jessie MacPhee appointed at salary of £20 per annum. Miss MacPhee rejected and offers were made to Miss MacIntyre and Miss Cameron.

Father Macdonald, having intimated his willingness to grant the use of his hall at Glen Beasdale as a sub-school. Fr Macdonald to arrange about School fittings and to engage a Teacher at £40 per annum.

Kinlochmoidart Inn, December 15 1898.

Appointment of Compulsory Officers. Col Macdonald, Glenfinnan , Mr Blackburn and Fr. MacKintosh, Glenuig. Salary for each £2 per annum.

Payments :-

T. and F. Frazer, blackboard frame	£0/10/-
Poor Rates, Glenfinnan	£7/9/2
Poor Rates, Ardnish	£1/7/11
County Assessments	£2/3/3
D. MacNab, Glenfinnan	£8/6/-
D. MacNab, Kinlochmoidart	£11/9/-
Prof. Blackburn	£5/5/-

Kinlochailort Inn, February 2 1899.

Kinlochailort Inn, May 12 1899.

Defaulters for Glenuig District. The Clerk was instructed to issue warnings to the Parents and to report on the results at the end of a fortnight.

Kinlochailort Inn, August 10 1899.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 12 1899.

The irregular attendance at Glenfinnan School was on the part of "Navy" children. Monthly visits of the Compulsory Officers have been arranged. It is only since the incorporation of "Navy" children that the Department has had reason to complain of the attendance.

Compulsory Officer's salary to be £3 per annum, Glenuig £3 per annum, Arisaig £4 per annum.

Defaulters :-

Alex. Gillies, Smirisary, for child Margaret.

Donald MacPherson, Smirisary, for John and Lewis.

George Macdonald, Camas an Fallen (?) for Charles

Donald Macdonald, Bunacaimb, for Donald. (North of Back of Keppock, 653/887 on OS map 398)

Margaret MacPhee, Meoble, resigned as Teacher. Glen Beasdale school to be closed because of low numbers of "Navy" children.

Kinlochailort Inn, February 15 1900.

Proposed new school at South Morar. The Education Department would not refuse erection of a galvanised building.

Bonus to Teacher for Cookery Work at Glenuig School,	£3
Cookery Book	£2
Needlework prizes	£0/9/0

Railway operations have caused considerable damage to the structure of the School Buildings at Glenfinnan and have also cut off the water supply.

Parent warnings to :-

John Macdonald, High Glenuig

Roderick Macpherson, Smirisary

Angus Macpherson, Smirisary.

Kinlochailort Inn, June 5 1900.

Kinlochailort Inn, August 21 1900.

With regard to the proposed school at South Morar, the Clerk submitted a letter from Messrs McAlpine & Sons offering the Engineer's Shelter for the sum of £100.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 6 1900.

Father MacKintosh elected managers for Glenuig School during the absence of Mr Blackburn.

Kinlochailort Inn, May 9 1901.

Letter from Donald Macdonald Glenaladale called attention to the fact that he had five children of school age and that he does not live within reach of any school and demanding on

those grounds that education be provided for his children. The Board regret that under the circumstances they cannot take any action.

Kinlochailort Inn, September 17 1901.

It was agreed to appoint Miss Annie Reynolds assistant Teacher at Glenuig School at a salary of £15 per annum. Bills paid

£6/10/- to Glenuig Estate for coal  
£0/3/0 for Ardnish School Cleaning.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 12 1901.

An overdraft of £200 was granted by British Linen Company Bank, Fort William, for erecting the Lochailort School.

Letter to the Secretary of the North British Railway Company, information that the Contractor who did the repairs to Glenfinnan School, necessitated by the damage caused by them blasting in the railway cutting above the school, estimated the amount for which Messrs. McAlpine might be held liable at Nine Pounds (Stirling) but before taking action to recover this amount, the Board would be glad if the Railway Secretary could communicate with the contractors with the mind to any proposal by them for meeting the Board in the matter. Wm. Blackburn, Chairman 3/9/1902.

Kinlochailort Inn, February 20 1902.

Messrs McAlpine offer £5 to settle the claim for £9 on account of the damage to Glenfinnan School.

Miss M. Macdonald resigned as teacher at Ardnish School on the ground of her health. 1<sup>st</sup> March 1902.

No teacher at Meoble.

Kinlochailort Inn, September 3 1902.

The Board agreed to appoint Miss Daly as Teacher of Meoble sub-school at a salary of £25 per annum with grant earned. The parents to provide board and lodging free.

It was resolved to appoint Mr Angus Macdonald Teacher of Gaskan and Glenaladale Sub-school at a salary of £15 per annum with grant earned. (Gasgan is at 802/727 on the North side of Loch Shiel). The parents to provide board and lodging free. A letter from the Postmaster of Fort William was submitted asking the Board's permission to appoint the Teacher at Lochailort as postmistress and to allow her to use one of the rooms of the Schoolhouse as a Post Office. The Clerk was instructed to order two revolving cowls for Lochailort School. (A cowl is a revolving metal cap on a chimney to improve flow of air or smoke).

Compulsory Officer A. Macpherson appointed at £2 per annum and (?) McRaid for Ardnish at one £ per annum.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 18 1902.

Another pane of glass was broken at Ardnish School by a cow buffing its horns through the window. A letter was sent to the Factor of Arisaig Estate calling his attention to the matter and urging the necessity of having a fence placed round the school.

Kinlochailort Inn, May 18 1903

Kinlochailort Inn, August 31 1903

Re-election of Board :-

Wm. Blackburn Esq., Roshven.  
Rev. A. Macdonald, Arisaig.  
John A. Macdonald, CB of Glenaladale  
Donald MacVarish, Rhu.  
A.W. Nicholson Esq., Arisaig House

Miss Daly, teacher Meoble £33 per annum.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 17 1903

The Glenuig premises are nearly filled but are still within the regulations as to room. The tendency to congestion is caused by the Parish of Glasgow and other parishes boarding out pauper children and not by the natural increase of the population.

The Board decided to get teachers if possible for Glenaladale and Meoble sub-schools at a salary of £20 per annum. With reference to Glenaladale and Meoble sub-schools the chairman was authorised to write to Mr. Bainbridge and Mr. Jones as to whether they would be disposed to contribute towards the teachers' salaries. A salary increase of £5 per annum to teacher at Ardnish was granted after a request.

Kinlochailort Inn, April 14 1904.

Misses M. and J. McVarish appointed teachers of Glenaladale and Meoble side schools. £25 per annum.

Ronald Macdonald Compulsory Officer for Ardnish given a salary of £1 per annum.

Miss Mary McKenna, Assistant teacher at Glenuig School at a salary of £25 per annum.  
Salary of Miss J. MacKay teacher at Glenuig School increased to £72.

A claim from the Parish of Glasgow for a deaf-mute child named Alexander McKinnon, an inmate of Smyllum (?) Institution was submitted and the clerk was requested to make further enquiry regarding the alleged birthplace of the child's father Donald McKinnon.

Kinlochailort Inn, November 14 1904

Alex. McKinnon possibly born in Knoydart

Miss MacKay Glenuig Assistant Teacher succeeded to get wage up from £25 to £40.

It was reported that there were nine children of school age at Scamadale and Lettermorar for whom no education was provided and the Board agreed to form a Side School for that district – the teacher received a salary of £20 per annum (with free board and lodging provided by the parents of the children.

Paid :-

Glenuig Estate £7/10/- for coals  
A. Bell, Lochailort School £3 for coals  
Rents for Lochailort and Morar schools £0/16/-.  
Rent of Ardnish school for half-year £8.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 17 1904

Father Chisholm appointed Miss Flora Campbell teacher of Scamadale Side-school. £20 per annum.

Kinlochailort Inn, March 30 1905

Kinlochailort Inn, July 31 1905

A letter from Miss Nicolson, teacher Ardnish, was submitted intimating that she intended to get married to an Ardnish man and asking the Board's sanction to remain as teacher. The Clerk was instructed to convey the Board's congratulations to Miss Nicolson on her approaching marriage and to state that they have no objection to her keeping on the School so long as she is able to perform the duties.

Kinlochailort Inn, October 27 1905

Miss Janet MacVarish resigned as teacher at Meoble Side-school. Miss Elizabeth MacVarish appointed. £25 per annum.

Miss M. McDermott appointed assistant teacher at Glenuig School. Salary £40.

Election of new school board to be held Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10am till 4pm at Astly Hall Arisaig.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 18 1905

The following defaulting Parents or Guardians appeared to answer :-

John MacPherson, Smirisary

Donald MacPherson, Smirisary

John MacIsaac, Roshven

I. MacPherson, Smirisary, on behalf of K? MacPherson

Ronald Macdonald, Samalaman.

The Board informed them that if the children do not attend better in the future, legal proceedings would be taken against them. Widow Maysie Gillies did not appear but sent a letter addressed to the chairman stating that her son Allan was unable to attend school for want of clothes. The Clerk was instructed to reply that this could not be accepted as a reasonable excuse, the necessary clothing being supplied by the Parish Council.

Paid Wm. Anderson, Glenfinnan water supply £32/19/8.

Kinlochailort Inn, March 30 1906

Miss McVarish, Glenaladale, appointed teacher South Morar School. £40 per annum. Miss Bella McLennan appointed to Glenaladale School. £25 per annum. Free board and lodgings from parents.

Kinlochailort Inn, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1906

Kinlochailort Inn, July 30<sup>th</sup> 1906

Kinlochailort Inn, October 16<sup>th</sup> 1906

Kinlochailort Inn, December 14<sup>th</sup> 1906

A letter from the Teacher of Ardnish School was read stating that the roof of the dwelling house was badly in need of repair and that the plank across the burn required to be renewed.

Kinlochailort Inn, May 23 1907

Kinlochailort Inn, July 31 1907

£350 required to meet the deficiency in the School Fund.  
Miss MacLennan Teacher of Glenaladale Side School resigned.  
Attendance defaults :-

John Macdonald, Gortenaichilis for son Allan  
Duncan Smith, Poilindea (?) for grandchildren Annabella Fraser.

Kinlochailort Inn, September 20 1907

Miss Johanna McPhee appointed at Glenaladale Side School. £25 per annum.  
School grant payment was to be suspended due to the school attendance being below three quarters of the possible numbers. A reply made that the attendance was so low because of whooping-cough and Scarlet fever.

A letter was submitted from Miss Whitlocks stating that our Coats of Paisley was prepared to provide Glenfinnan School with a free library and enclosing a Circular showing the number of books she had selected. The Board were of the opinion that in view of the small number of scholars attending the School, the list was too large and referred the matter to the teacher for further consideration.

Kinlochailort Inn, October 23 1907

Defaulters :- Angus Gillies, Moss  
Donald Smith, Kinloid  
Miss Mary Macdonald, Glen.  
Miss Mary Gillies, Bunacaimb.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 18 1907

Inspector's Report "The Roshven Subschool made a satisfactory first appearance. The Ardnish Subschool is taught in a highly creditable manner and a similar report is due in the case of Scamadale Subschool.....With regard to the grant received for four children attending Roshven Subschool, it was agreed to pay the same to Miss Kate Gillies teacher.

In respect that the compulsory Officer for Arisaig District had not visited Glenfinnan School from May till November, it was agreed to deduct two pounds from his salary.

Pamphlet for the Scottish Education Department and County Medical Officer with regard to the cleansing and disinfecting of Schools and School Hygenia were submitted.

Kinlochailort Inn, January 25 1908

Miss Whitlock, Teacher Glenfinnan died 18<sup>th</sup> inst. and Miss Jessie McVarish appointed as temporary teacher. Salary of £60 per annum was approved.

A letter from Miss E. MacKay, Lochailort, was read stating that the door of the Schoolhouse was in urgent need of some shelter from the storms, as the rain was penetrating to the floors of each of the three rooms. She also stated that the School ventilator had been blown down some time ago and should be replaced.

Kinlochailort Inn, April 2 1908

Miss Dring ill and school at Glenfinnan could not open till 27<sup>th</sup> inst. Asked if the School Board would be willing to accept her resignation if she was unable to come in on that date.

Messrs. T.I.F. Fraser submitted an estimate of £12/10/- to build a Porch at Lochailort Schoolhouse.

Kinlochailort Inn, May 12 1908

Miss Bridget Reynolds granted a Disability allowance at the rate of £12/13/4.

Defaulters:- Wm. West, Arisaig  
Miss Macpherson, Borrodale  
John Macdonald, Sunnislittir  
Dugald Smith, Kinloid  
Angus Gillies, Moss  
John Macdonald, Gortenachoilis  
John Macdonadl, Portnalichaig.

Miss Marjorie Bluett appointed assistant teacher at Glenuig.

Kinlochailort Inn, October 28 1908

Annual Grants:-	Glenug Public School	£61/18/-
	Scamadale Subschool	£8/15/-
	Lochailort Subschool	£13/17/-
	Roshven Subschool	£3/9/-
	Ardrishaig Subschool	£7/18/-
	Glenfinnan Public School	£30/16/-
	Glenaladale Subschool	£7/16/-
	Grant to sub-schools	£10/0/-
	Grant to Glenuig School	£40/0/-
	Total	£201/0/-

Miss Kate Gillies, Roshven Voluntary Side School £3/9/-.

Kinlochailort Inn, December 11 1908

Compulsory Orders submitted to Annie Clements, Bunacaimb  
Susan Gay, 3 Bunacaimb.

Arisaig, March 2 1909

New School Board election set for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10am till 4pm at Astley Hall, Arisaig. Officer's fee £3/3/- if no contest and £6/6/- in the event of a contest.

Miss J. Campbell resigned as Teacher of Scamadale. Miss Sarah Somers, successor, £25 per annum. Parents of scholars to provide board and lodging.

Dr. A.G.C. Campbell, Arisaig, put in a claim of school exemption for his daughter Margaret who is privately taught at home. The claim was allowed.

Arisaig, May 31 1909

A letter from Sir John A. Duvar M.P. was read with reference to proposed transference of the Scottish Education Department to Edinburgh. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Board would prefer that London should be the Headquarters of the Department as at present.

Arisaig, June 21 1909

Members elected :- William Blackburn, Esq., Roshven  
Revd. James Chisholm, Arisaig  
Colin A. Macdonald, C.B. of Glenaladale  
Donald McVarish, Rhu  
A.W. Nicholson, C.B. Arisaig House

Lochailort July 30 1909

John Macdonald, Gortenaacholis appeared as a Defaulter and was admonished.  
Isabella Hagan appointed Assistant Teacher of Glenuig School at a salary of £40 per annum.

Arisaig September 16 1909

The Board resolved under the Education (Scotland) Act 1908 to fix the following dates as the dates of commencing and terminating school attendance for the children viz. 15<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Intermediate Bursary awarded to Elizabeth Kerin, St Mary's School, Arisaig.

Arisaig October 27 1909

The number of scholars probably available for continuation classes :-

Glenuig 10; Glenfinnan 6; St. Mary 2; Arisaig 12; Lochailort 2; Ardnish -Nil.

The Board agreed to hold Continuation Classes at Glenuig, Glenfinnan, Morar and Arisaig (St Mary's School) two nights weekly, one and a half hours each night, commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1910. Following teachers appointed :-

Miss J. MacKay, Glenuig Salary 5/0<sup>p</sup> per week

Miss E.M. Dring, Glenfinnan. Salary 5/0<sup>p</sup> per week

Miss M. McVarish, South Morar Salary 4/0<sup>p</sup> per week

Miss J. McLean, Arisaig Salary 6/0<sup>p</sup> per week

A Fee of 2/6<sup>p</sup> to be charged for the course.

Arisaig December 17 1909

Glenuig School is to be closed for two weeks (7<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December) owing to an outbreak of Influenza. Miss Kap Gillies, Roshven Teacher £4/6/-.

The Clerk intimated that he had received the Annual Grant for Glenuig School on 28<sup>th</sup> October amounting to £166/16/- less £2 deducted for contributions to the Teacher's Annuity Fund.

Letter received from Miss E. McVarish informing that she was resigning her post as Teacher of Meoble Side School at the end of December.

Arisaig May 10 1910

The Clerk reported that it had been found impossible to go on with the Continuation Classes, as at Glenuig no pupils had enrolled and at Glenfinnan out of the six possible pupils only three had enrolled, one having left the district and the other two being in attendance at Day School. Glen Macdonald was appointed compulsory officer for Ardnish School at a salary of £1 per annum.

Arisaig July 15 1910

The three children at Meoble – the parents are to receive £7 per head per annum towards the cost of lodging them in the proximity to any proper school they may choose.

Compulsory Officer's warnings to Wm. West Sr., Arisaig, Mr Angus Gillies, Moss and Mr Allan Macdonald, Taigh-Allan.

Revd. W. Coll, Corpach, requested permission to hold a Sunday School at Glenfinnan School and this was granted.

Lochailort, October 17 1910.

Title deeds of Glenuig and Glenfinnan schools do not appear to be in the Board's possession and this should receive their attention. The title deeds were not included in the inventory when the Parish was disjoined from Ardnamurchan.

A letter from Miss E. MacKay, Lochailort was read stating that the offices required to be cleaned out; that the water pipe is burst near the source; that the kitchen store requires to be replaced and various other necessary repairs should be done – also that a strong fence should be erected about the School to keep out cattle and horses.

Arisaig, April 12 1910.

The Clerk intimated payment of the following grant – Annual Grant for Glenuig Public School including Lochailort, Scamadale, South Morar, Ardnish and Roshven Side Schools - £159/19/-.

Arisaig, 14 February 1911.

A letter from Ronald McDonald, Meoble, was read intimating that he had sent his boy to Fort William Public School on 30<sup>th</sup> January and that he was lodging with A. Gillies, 2 Monzie Place, Fort William. Mr McDonald also stated that he would send his girl later on.

The Clerk was authorised to get Weighing Machines for Glenuig, Glenfinnan, and Arisaig R.C. and Protestant Schools; also to provide what should be found necessary for the various Side Schools.

Election of new Board fixed to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June next between 10 am and 4 pm within Astley Hall, Arisaig.

No defaulters in the Compulsory Officer's Reports.

Arisaig, 26 May 1911.

Warning of not attending issued to (1) Hugh Macdonald, Gamekeeper, Glenfinnan; (2) Donald Gillies, Lecharoin (?); (3) Innis Carr, Arnipool; (4) Innis Gillies, Polnish; (5) Miss Catherine MacDonald, Low Buildings Arisaig .....(14) Donald McEachan, Back of Keppoch; (15) John Macdonald, Gortenachoilis; (16) Duncan Macdonald, 7 Bunacaimb; (17) Ronald Macdonald, 6 Bunacaimb; (18) Alexander Macdonald, 3 Bunacaimb; (19) Donald Macdonald, 1 Portnaluchaig (20) Angus Macdonald, 2 Portnaluchaig; (21) Ronald McLachlan, Rhubana; (22) John Macdonald, Craigmore.

Arisaig 26 June 1911

Mr William Blackburn appointed Chairman of the Board, Canon Chisholm vice-chairman.

Returned votes :-	1. A.W. Nicholson, CB, Arisaig House	176
	2. Rev. James Chisholm, Kilmory	116
	3. William Blackburn, Roshven	89
	4. Ronald Macdonald, Bunacaimb	67
	5. Donall McVarish, Rhu	43
	Unsuccessful – John A. Macdonald, CB of Glenaladale	25

A letter from the Clark to the School Board of Glasgow was read, intimating that a deaf, mute child named Kate Alexander, daughter of Elias Alexander, is a pupil at Langside Institution for

Deaf-Mute children. The father, who is a carpenter to trade, has removed to Lochailort-Arisaig-Moidart Parish. This school is therefore responsible to the Managers of Langside Institution for the usual contribution, viz. £20 per annum.

Miss S. Somers resigned her appointment as Teacher of Scamadale School. The Board expressed their appreciation of Miss Somers' services during the last two and a half years. Intermediate Bursary application for Christina MacPherson, daughter of Thomas MacPherson. Miss Mary Campbell applied for post of Head-mistress of Glenuig School.

Arisaig, July 31 1911

Free books to be delivered for those attending the Voluntary Schools. Miss McLean appointed as Teacher at Glenuig School at a salary of £89 per annum to begin duties on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

A letter from the Department enquiring whether the Board have considered the advisability of applying for the recognition of Ardnish Lochailort and South Morar Schools earning full Grants under the Code. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Board do not admit that any financial benefit would occur from accepting the suggestion of the Department.

Applications for appointment of Teacher of Scamadale Side School submitted from Miss Annie McLellan, Mallaig, Miss Ena McKinnon, Moss and Miss Isabella MacDougall, Achnahully. The Board agreed to appoint Miss Isabella MacDougall at a salary of £20 per annum. The parents of the Scholars to provide free board and accommodation.

Miss Elizabeth MacKay Lochailort granted an increase of £5 on salary from August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Arisaig, 14 November 1911

Miss McLean, Glenuig, asked to supervise side schools of Lochailort, South Morar and Scamadale.

Mr Macdonald gave notice of the following motion :- "That Gaelic be taught as a subject at Glenuig School".

Miss MacKay's total recorded service is 37 years (including ten years in England).

Arisaig 15 December 1911

Motion that Gaelic be taught at Glenuig School. The Board, while approving of the motion decided in the meantime that the matter should be left out till the new Scheme of Work was approved of.

Arisaig, 6 March 1912

Miss McLean, Teacher Glenuig, undertook supervision of Ardnish, Lochailort, South Morar, Scamadale and Roshven Side-Schools.

Arisaig, 29 May 1912

Miss I. MacPhee resigned as Teacher of Glenaladale Side School.

An application by Catherine McEachern, Glenuig School, to be recommended by the Board for the Intermediate Bursary allowed to this District by Inverness County Committee was read. The Board agreed to recommend.

Arisaig 29 July 1912

Applications for Glenaladale Sub-School vacancy from :- Miss Sarah Somers, Stratharen; Margaret McAlpine, Glenaladale; Miss Ena McKinnon, Arisaig. Board debated and appointed Miss Somers at a salary of £25 per annum.

Miss McLean, Glenuig, requested the Board to appoint an Assistant Teacher for Glenuig School. Miss Joan MacPhee appointed as Assistant Teacher at a salary of £20 per annum and in the event of Miss MacPhee considering the salary insufficient, the Chairman was authorised to offer £25.

With regard to the teaching of Gaelic at Glenuig School, it was remitted to the chairman to arrange with Miss McLean in preparing her new scheme of work, if it would be possible to include Gaelic as a special subject.

The Board should take steps to form Continuation Classes during the coming winter and the Clerk was instructed to put up Notices in the Village requesting all those desirous of joining said class to lodge their names as soon as possible.

#### Arisaig, September 30 1912

Only two names received for Continuation Classes. The Board resolved to take no action in the matter.

Inspector's Report :- The Inverailort School with its roll of (?) is indeed very well taught and as this building and equipment are also satisfactory, it should now be raised to the status of a public school. South Morar sub-school has a roll of 18 and could also be recommended for the higher status provided the managers erect and equip a better building on a more sanitary site: the present building is poor and its site extremely bad.

A letter from the Department dated 9<sup>th</sup> August was read. It recommended that a new Combination School should be built at Morar.

The Board agreed that Lochailort School should be raised to the status of a public school.

Glenfinnan School had been closed for two weeks owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever. A longer closure was approved of.

Miss Dring's certificate as Teacher expires on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1913 and the Clerk was instructed to ask if the Department would agree to continue Miss Dring's services till the summer session.

#### Arisaig, December 23 1912.

Miss Dring, Glenfinnan, permitted Lochailort School to be placed as public School 1<sup>st</sup> July 1912. Miss Elizabeth MacKay, Lochailort given a salary increase of £10 per annum.

A circular from the Comann Gaidhealach with regard to the teaching of Gaelic as a subject in Highland Schools and the appointment of Gaelic-speaking Teachers was read.

#### Arisaig, Febraury 14 1913

A letter from Mr Ronald Macdonald, Meoble, was read stating that his son Samuel would not go back to Fort William School after the holidays and that his daughter aged ten years was too weak hearted to be sent to school. Mr Macdonald also stated that, if the Board would allow him £14 yearly, he would supplement the amount and employ a girl to teach the children.

The Clerk was instructed to get a smallcupboard for Lochailort School and to have hat and coat hooks affixed to the wall of the porch.

#### Arisaig, May 1913

Board advised to appoint a teacher for Meoble. Miss Jane Thomson appointed as teacher for Glenfinnan School, £65 per annum and a free house. To begin 13<sup>th</sup> September. Miss Kate Gillies appointed as assistant teacher, £20 per annum.

Arisaig 26 June 1913

Miss Christina Macdonald, Auchreoch Side School Fort William appointed at Meoble Side School. £20. Scholars' parents to provide free board and lodgings.  
Railway asked to fit a new water supply to Glenfinnan school as new railway had blocked supply.

Arisaig, July 30 1913

Arisaig October 7 1913

Arisaig, November 11 1913

Angus MacDonald no longer able to be Compulsory Officer for Arisaig District. Nephew Charles MacDonald acted as substitute. Miss M. Gillies appointed being teacher at Scamadale. Miss M. Gillies appointed to be teacher at Scamadale.

Arisaig, December 27 1913

Arisaig, May 12 1914

Scotch Education Department.

Account auditor appointed W.W. Naismith, Glasgow for boards accounts.

Miss Gillies, Assistant teacher Glenuig given salary increase of £5 per annum.

Defaulters:- Donald Macdonald, Portnaluchaig  
Angus Macdonald, Drimdhu.

Arisaig, June 24 1914

Election of chairman: 1 A.W. Nicholson, CB Arisaig House	187 votes
2 Rev. William Macdonald, Glenfinnan	153 votes
3 William Blackburn, Roshven	140 votes
4 Rev. James Chisholm, Kilmory	89 votes
5 Ronald Macdonald, 6 Bunacaimb	69 votes
The unsuccessful candidate :- Donald MacVarish	67 votes

Jessie MacLean submitted a letter to resign at Glenuig School. Miss S. MacKay applied for Glenuig School. Mrs S. MacKim from Eilean Shona appointed. Salary £80 and a free furnished house.

Budget 19/4/1905. Sum of £410 would be required to meet the deficiency in the School Fund for the current year. Authorised payments :-

McDougall's Education Co.	£2/13/1
Glenuig Estate. Coals	£3/8/9
K. Mathe Sons	£2/2/5
J.Y.J. Durie. Coals	£2/18/6
S. Fraser & Sons	£-/18/-
N. Culross & Sons	£-/15/6
Election Exps.	£10/6/9

Arisaig, July 31 1914

Draft agreement between Glenuig School Board and this Board with regard to Morar Joint School was submitted.

Miss Sarah Somers resigned as teacher of Glenaladale Sub-school.

Report by Medical Officer's Sanitary Inspector on Glenfinnan School. Cleaning of floor would be rendered less difficult if gravel were laid near Offices and round school. Wash-hand

basin required in school. Introduction of water into school tap in playground necessary. "The Board agreed to have a Tap placed in playground". A letter was written to District Committee asking if there was any prospect of "Warning" notices for motor traffic being affixed near the school at Glenfinnan..

Payment salaries made to Glenuig, Glenfinnan, Lochailort, Ardnish, South Morar, Scamadale, Glenaladale, Meoble.

It was agreed to hold Continuation Classes during the winter at Arisaig.

#### Arisaig, 18<sup>th</sup> September 1914

Agreed to hold a Continuation Class at Arisaig for a session of twenty weeks (twice weekly) commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November and to appoint Miss M. Macdonald teacher on the same terms as last year, viz. 5/- per night. Failing Miss Macdonald acceptance, the Clerk was authorised to offer the appointment to Miss Catherine Macdonald.

With regard to the five defective children from Glasgow Parish mentioned in the Report for Arisaig R.C. School, Canon Chisholm stated that he would get their names from the Teachers and if necessary have the children sent back to Glasgow.

A letter from Miss E. MacKay Lochailort requesting a new stove for the school.

#### Arisaig, 15<sup>th</sup> December 1914

Miss E. Macdonald consented as Teacher of Arisaig Continuation Class. Opened 2<sup>nd</sup> November for a period of twenty weeks (twice weekly).

An application by Miss Thomson, Teacher Glenfinnan, for an increase in salary was refused.

#### Arisaig, 15<sup>th</sup> February 1915

In the case of Donald Macdonald, Portnaluchaig, the Board accepted the excuse of bad weather and the parent was warned that if the children did not attend school regularly he would be prosecuted.

Miss Gillies resigned as assistant teacher of Glenuig School and Miss Ella MacKin was appointed as assistant teacher of a salary of £25 per annum.

#### Arisaig, May 11 1915

A circular from the Corporation of Glasgow was submitted with regard to the maintenance of Belgian Refugees and requesting the Board's sanction for the children attending their schools to collect on behalf on the Fund. The Clerk was instructed to reply that a considerable sum had already been collected in the Parish and the Board regret they cannot give their sanction to the proposal.

Offers for the purchase of South Morar school buildings :- James Keer, Borrodale, offer of £10/10/- was accepted. Other offers were £5 and £8/10/-.

A letter from Mr. Ronald MacDonald, Gamekeeper, Meoble, was read stating that as soon as he was able he would pay the Five Pounds due by him for last year towards the Meoble teacher's salary, but refusing to pay the present year. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr MacDonald that unless he agrees to pay for the year ending September next, they would give the teacher notice that her services would not be required after the summer holidays.

The Clerk was requested to ask the Scottish Automobile Club if they will kindly supply a "Caution" board for Glenfinnan School.

Payment :	Rent of Ardnish School	£8/-/-
	Feu duty Glenuig School	£0/9/2 <sup>d</sup>

Arisaig, June 28 1915.

Mr R. MacDonald, Meoble, paid £5 as his contribution for last year towards the Meoble Teacher's Salary; and as he refused to pay the contribution for the present year, the teacher had been notified that her services would not be required after 15<sup>th</sup> August next. The Clerk further stated that Mr. MacDonald proposed sending his child to Mallaig Public School and applied to the Board for an allowance for Lodgings. The Board agreed to allow £7 per annum when the child is attending Mallaig School.

Letter from the Scottish Automobile Society was read offering to supply an iron "caution" post for Glenfinnan School at a cost of £1, which offer the Board accept.

The Compulsory Officer's Reports were submitted showing five defaulters at Glenuig and at Lochailort. The Clerk was instructed to issue warnings to Mrs. Jessie Gillies and John McNeil, Smirisary.

Arisaig, July 30 1915

A letter from the Automobile Club was read stating that the price of "Caution" posts had been advanced to 25/0<sup>d</sup> and owing to the Iron founders being busy with War Contracts, it may be a little time before one could be sent to Glenfinnan School.

A letter from the Clerk to the District Committee was read stating that owing to the prevalence of Measles among the scholars, Lochailort School was closed for a fortnight from the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

Miss Isabella McDougall, teacher Scamadale, salary raised to £25 per annum.

One defaulter – Wm. MacPherson, surfaceman, Lochailort .

Arisaig, October 2 1915

Following Defaulters summoned to appear before the Board :-

1. Mrs Donald MacKillop, Glenuig
2. Hugh McBeth, Glenuig
3. Hugh McNeil, Samalaman
4. Hugh MacPherson, Glenuig
5. John McDougall, Glenuig
6. Angus Macdonald, Glenuig
7. Angus Macdonald, Samalaman

The Board resolved to serve them with attendance orders in terms of Section 8 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1908.

A petition signed by a member of Parents at Glenuig District was submitted complaining of the manner in which the teacher conducts Glenuig School.

It was agreed to allow Miss Thomson the sum of Thirty shillings for cooking material supplied to Glenfinnan School for the past year.

Miss Annie Gillies awarded a salary of £10 for the Continuation Class at Arisaig.

Miss E. MacKay, Lochailort asked the Board for money to provide firewood for the school. It was agreed to allow 10/-.

Circular with regard to "Children of Empire" Fund, "War Economy", and Highland and Islands Medical Service Grant were submitted.

Arisaig, November 15 1915

The Chairman reported that Glenuig Public School was closed for one week while the chimney was being repaired.

Arisaig, February 14 1916

A letter from the Procurator Fiscal was submitted advising the Board to drop further proceedings against Mrs Donald McKillop for failing to comply with an Attendance Order in respect that no action would be successful against a married woman.

The Clerk stated that as instructed by the Chairman he had summoned Sub Lieutenant Donald McKillop R.N.R. to appear before the Board for failing to provide regular attendance at school for his two children. Mrs McKillop appeared as proxy for her husband and after hearing her excuses the Board Resolved to serve an Attendance Order on Sub. Liu. McKillop.

Dr. De Dylra's son, David Anthony, exempted from school attendance in respect that he is being taught privately at home.

Arisaig March 15 1916

Charles MacDonald resigned his appointment as Compulsory Officer for Arisaig District having joined the Royal Navy Reserve for the duration of the war.

The Caution post for Glenfinnan School arrived and the Clerk requested the District Council Committee to have it erected.

Arisaig May 11 1916

Canon Chisholm intimated that he had appointed Mr. Donald Macdonald, Back of Keppoch, Compulsory Officer for Arisaig district at a salary of £8 per annum.

A letter from Mrs MacKin was submitted pointing out that the year's supply of coal for Glenuig School was already finished and that the quantity allowed was insufficient. She also stated that she had been put to considerable expense getting 7 cwt. from Eilean Shona. The Clark stated that the full allowance of coal had not been supplied last year, Mrs MacKin having only received 4 tons 7 cwt instead of the usual allowance of 5 tons. The Board agreed to repay Mrs MacKin for the coal she had purchased from Eilean Shona.

Payments :-

Teacher Glenuig	£20
Assistant Teacher Glenuig	£6/5/-
Assistant Teacher Glenfinnan	£16/5/-
School cleaning Glenfinnan	£1/5/-
Teacher Lochailort	£3/15/-
Cleaner Lochailort	£1/15/-
Teacher Ardnish	£11/5/-
Teacher Scamadale	£6/5/-
Teacher Arisaig Continuation Class	£10/-/-

Arisaig June 28 1916

Glenuig School closed three weeks for German Measles.

The Intermediate Bursary granted by Inverness County Education Committee was applied for by Mary Jessie McKenzie, aged 14, Glenfinnan School and Sarah McDonald, Arisaig Catholic School. It was agreed to recommend that the bursary be granted to Mary J. MacMcKenzie.

Summer Holiday fixed 28<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Arisaig, November 14 1916

Miss Annie Gillies paid £10 for the session of Arisaig Continuation Class.

A letter received that John Macdonald, son of the tailor of Glenuig, was absent from school on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. and no excuse sent and the Compulsory Officer reports that the boy's mother intends to keep the child away a day a week as a sort of message boy.

A letter from Mrs. MacKin applying for a War Bonus for herself and her Assistant was submitted and the Chairman intimated that he had received a similar application from Miss Thomson of Glenfinnan. The Board resolved to refuse the applications meantime till the Treasury decide what grant, if any, is to be given for the purpose.

It was agreed to increase the annual allowance for cleaning Glenuig, Lochailort and Glenfinnan Schools to £3/10/-.

Miss Thomson Glenfinnan requested allowance for cookery material used during past year and it was agreed to allow 17/4<sup>d</sup>.

Arisaig, February 28 1917.

Circular No. 487 with reference to the Grant in aid of War Bonus to Teachers was submitted and it was agreed to grant war Bonuses at the rate of £10 per annum from 1st July 1916 to the following teachers :-

Mrs S. MacKin, Glenuig

Miss J. Thomson, Glenfinnan

Miss E. MacKay, Lochailort.

Miss Isabella McDougal, Teacher of Scamadale, submitted a letter resigning her appointment at 15<sup>th</sup> May inst. It was agreed to appoint Miss Ann F. MacPherson at a salary of £20 per annum.

Application by John McDonald, Cross, to have a Teacher appointed for his two children was refused.

The Ardnish Side School teacher was asked to furnish a list of names, ages and addresses of the children in attendance and if reduced to the Teacher's own children that the school would be proposed to close.

Arisaig May 8 1917

Ardnish – three in attendance are children of the Teacher aged 10, 6 and 5. The Board resolved to close the school at Christmas next and to notify the Teacher that her services would not be required after that date and to inform Arisaig Estate that they desire to terminate their tenancy of the school and the Teacher's House at 11<sup>th</sup> November next.

Miss E. MacKay, Lochailort School, off duty for six weeks and Miss Ann F. MacPherson to act as temporary teacher and Miss MacKay had paid her one guinea per week.

The Board agreed to repay Miss MacKay £6/6/- . War Bonuses of £7/10/- for nine months paid to Teachers at Glenuig, Glenfinnan and Lochailort.

Arisaig June 22 1917

County Intermediate Bursary applied for by Catriona MacDonald, Arisaig R.C. School and Sarah Cameron, Arisaig Church School. Board agreed to recommend Catriona MacDonald.

The Clerk was authorised to employ a plumber to repair the water pipe to Glenuig School and to clean the waste-pipe at Lochailort School.

A letter from the Scotch Education Department was submitted approving provisionally of Miss F. MacPherson's appointment as Teacher of Scamadale.

A circular letter from the School Board of Glasgow regarding a scheme of Maintenance Allowances for Lads in Rossshire and Invernessshire whose Fathers have been incapacitated or killed in the war was submitted.

Mr Ronald Macdonald submitted his resignation as School Board Member owing to ill health.

J. Livingstone offered to supply Glenuig School 7 tons coal at 36/6<sup>d</sup> per ton including cartage to Drumindarroch and suggested John McKinnon to boat the coal and place it in the school coalhouse for the sum of £5.

Arisaig July 3 1917

Decision to have subschool at Traigh and find a teacher at £25 per annum.

Ewan McEachan appointed to replace retired Mr. Ranald Macdonald.

Letter received concerning summer holidays from County Education Committee. From a health point of view Dr. Lang suggests that the summer holidays might be fixed within a time commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July and ending 31<sup>st</sup> August and preferably the six weeks beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July. The Board resolves to adhere to the present arrangement, 1<sup>st</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> September, being of the opinion this is more suitable for the district.

Arisaig, November 13 1917

Traigh subschool proposal turned back.

Medical Inspection Report – Katie McNeil, daughter of Hugh McNeil, mason, Smirisary, was reported as suffering from neglect. The Medical Officer stating “This child has had a verminous head at every examination since 1912”. The Clerk intimated that he had issued a “warning” to the parent, which was approved of.

An application by Donald Macdonald, Compulsory Officer Arisaig, for increase of salary was refused.

Grant in aid of Teachers’ salaries (£15) requested to be raised to £30 by Education Department.

Miss Annie Gillies continued as teacher of Arisaig Continuation Class. All young persons of fourteen to sixteen age to be in attendance at Continuation Class if not at Day School and if residing within two miles of St. Mary’s School.

War Bonus 1<sup>st</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> November £3/15/-.

Compulsory Officer, Arisaig, half-year salary £4. Glenuig School Feu Duty 2/6<sup>d</sup>.

Arisaig, 13 December 1917.

Teachers’ Salaries :- Grant in aid of Teacher’s salaries

Mrs S. MacKin, Glenuig	£109 and £10 for house.
Miss I. Thomson, Glenfinnan	£87 and £10 for house.
Miss E. MacKay, Lochailort	£75 and £10 for house.

Arisaig, February 14 1918

It was agreed to appoint Mrs Margaret Macdonald, Ardnish, teacher of her own children at a salary of twelve guines (£12/12/-) per annum. The children to be taught at home and to attend Glenuig School for the annual examination. The appointment to date from 16<sup>th</sup> November 1917.

A letter, from Miss I. Thomson resigning her appointment as Teacher of Glenfinnan School, to take effect on 15<sup>th</sup> April, was submitted. The Board accepted the resignation with regret and record their high appreciation of Miss Thomson’s services as Teacher.

Applicants :- (1) Miss A. MacFadyen, Glasgow  
(2) Miss Bella Hagan, Glasgow.  
(3) Miss Victoria McKenzie, Falkirk  
(4) Miss B. West, Campbeltown  
(5) Miss I. McVarish, Bracara  
(6) Miss M. Shaw, Eilean Shona  
(7) Miss Bertha Fallott, London  
(9) Miss Mary E. Hart, Morecamb

The Board agreed to appoint Miss Victoria McKenzie teacher of Glenfinnan Public School at a salary of £87 per annum with free house (partly furnished).

Arisaig, May 14 1918

Miss Ann F. MacPherson resigned from Scamadale Side School. Miss Mary MacKenzie, teacher of Glensanda appointed to Scamadale Side School at a salary of £25 per annum to begin duties on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Mary Robertson, Millburn (Arisaig Protestant School), was the only applicant for the County Intermediate Bursary granted by the Inverness County Education Committee for this district.

A letter from Miss Astley was read stating that a "Child Welfare Exhibition" under the auspices of the Women's Rural Institute will be held at Arisgaig in June and soliciting a donation towards the expenses. The Clark was instructed to reply that the Board regret it is outwith their powers to give a donation for this purpose and that the proper authority to whom she should apply is the Public Health Committee for Lochaber district.

Arisaig, June 24 1918

Mr Allan MacDonald, surfaceman, Glenfinnan Viaduct, appeared as a Defaulter in respect of his son William aged 14 on 3<sup>rd</sup> July but not free from obligation to attend school till 1<sup>st</sup> September 1918. Mr. MacDonald stated that his son was returning to school immediately and in these circumstances it was agreed to take no further action in the matter.

Mrs Macdonald appointed at Ardnish was terminated 5<sup>th</sup> June. Summer Holidays for Glenfinnan, Lochailort and Scamadale to be from 15 July to 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Last page 14<sup>th</sup> May 1918 Arisaig. Glenuig teacher year salary £27-16-0. Assistant showing teacher £6-3-11<sup>d</sup>.

Last page is signed by William Blackburn Chairman, 17<sup>th</sup> September 1918.

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Arisaig, July 31 1918

Present William Blackburn Esq. Chairman  
Very Revd. Canon Chisholm.

With reference to the children of Mrs Macdonald Ardnish, a letter from the Department was read pointing out that it is the duty of the school Board to satisfy themselves that the character and standard of education given to the children in question are satisfactory and to enquire whether arrangements will be made for their examination by a competent person such as the principal teacher of a school. The Clerk was instructed to ask the Teacher of Glenuig School to go over to Ardnish to examine the children and to notify the Department of this arrangement.

Payments :-	Teacher Glenuig	£36/1/2.
	Assistant Teacher Glenuig	£6/3/11.
	Teacher Lochailort	£17/19/-
	Teacher Glenfinnan	£20/15/-
	Teacher Scamadale	9/4 <sup>d</sup> + £15/12/5.
	Teacher Ardnish	15/9 <sup>d</sup>

Retiring Allowance, Miss I. MacKay £7/5/4

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Arisaig, September 17 1918

A letter from Ronald McLeod, Essan and Hugh MacPherson Bannachan requesting the Board to appoint a Teacher for their four children was submitted. A letter was sent to Ronald McLeod and Hugh MacPherson enquiring if they were willing to provide a teacher with free board and lodgings and submitted a reply to the effect that they would give free lodgings but not board. In these circumstances the Board refused to appoint a Teacher, the Clerk being instructed to reply that the Board may reconsider the matter if the parents agree to provide a Teacher with free board and lodgings.

A circular from the Department regarding the Picking of blackberries by school children was laid on the table.

Payment :-

Coal for Glenuig School	£21/11/2
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November 12 1918

Present :- Sir Arthur W. Nicholson  
Very Revd. Canon Chisholm  
Mr Angus Campbell.

This board has learned with heartfelt joy the announcement made this morning of the conclusion yesterday of an Armistice between the Allies and Germany and of the cessation of fighting and now, at the earliest opportunity places on record its appreciation of, and everlasting gratitude to all the branches of His Majesty's Forces which, by their unfailing devotion to duty and unconquerable gallantry, have so manfully maintained the cause of Right Justice and Civilization and the safety of our Country and Empire, and thus obtained this happy termination of the War.

Ronald MacLeod Essan and Hugh MacPherson Rannachan agreed to provide board and lodgings for a teacher and requested the Board to reconsider the matter and appoint a Teacher for their children.

Board agreed to appoint Miss Annie Gillies, teacher of Arisaig Continuation Class, at a salary of £12 per annum for a session of twenty weeks, the Class to be held twice weekly.

Miss Ella MacKin, Assistant Teacher, Glenuig, resigned appointment from 1<sup>st</sup> October stating that her sister, Miss M.A. MacKin would carry on the duties meantime.

Glenuig School closed 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September owing to an outbreak of chicken-pox.

Compulsory Officers' Report showed one defaulter from Lochailort School. A warning was sent to James Gillies.

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December 14 1918

The Board agreed to find a suitable teacher for Essan and Ranachan subschool and to pay a salary of £25 per annum.

Glenfinnan school closed 2<sup>nd</sup> December for four weeks owing to influenza and Glenuig School for four weeks from 11<sup>th</sup> December.

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February 14 1919

Miss Sarah Macdonald appointed Teacher for Essan and Ranachan School (under Lochailort Public School) at a salary of £25 per annum and commenced duties on 6<sup>th</sup> January last.

Gravel was ordered for Lochailort School path.

Miss Mary MacKenzie resigned her appointment as Teacher of Scamadale on 21<sup>st</sup> January and Miss Mary Ann McEachan was appointed as a successor at a salary of £25 per annum.

Glenuig School closed for six weeks from 4<sup>th</sup> January owing to Influenza.

A letter received from Allan Macdonald, the Viaduct Glenfinnan, was read complaining of the insecure condition of the bridge that spans the River Finnan and giving this as a reason for the non-attendance of his son at school.

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April 5 1919

Miss Victoria MacKenzie resigned appointment at Glenfinnan School. The Board agreed to accept the resignation with much regret. The following applications received :-

- 1) Miss M. Dunn, Liscaird
- 2) Miss M. McCluskey, Benbecula
- 3) Miss C. O'Keefe, Perth
- 4) Miss Moriah Shaw, Eilean Shona
- 5) Miss B. West, Dundee.

The Board proposed Miss Moriah Shaw be appointed.

Teachers' salaries (Additional Grant Allocation added) :-

Glenfinnan Public School	£115 and free house
Lochailort Public School	£103 and free house
Glenuig Public School	£138 and free house

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May 13 1919

Education (Scotland) Act 1918. The School Board agreed to nominate the following persons to the School Management Committee :-

William Blackburn, Esq. of Roshven

Mrs Cameron-Head of Inverailort

Mr Angus Campbell, Back of Keppoch.

Glenuig school was closed for six weeks from 31<sup>st</sup> March on account of an outbreak of whooping cough.

Register of Juvenile offenders :- Andrew Muir, Druimdhu, Arisaig; Edward O'Donald, Glenan, Arisaig; James McLaren, Glenan, Arisaig -- convicted of Theft and sentenced to be detained in Parkhead Reformatory until the age of nineteen years. The three boys who were fifteen years of age were chargeable to Glasgow Parish Council and were removed to the Reformatory by the Inspector of the Poor of that parish.

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