

Macdoel School District

A group of settlers from the Church of Brethren, or Dunkards, bought land from a Mr. MacDoel of Chicago. They cultivated the farms and developed the area. In 1907 their settlement became known as Macdoel.

The Macdoel School District was established in 1908. The original school was located in the town and is now being used as a community church. In 1955 a new school house was built on the present school site.

The first teacher at the Macdoel School was Mr. Walter H. Stone. He taught for six months and resigned. Mrs. Ella Brandenburg finished out that year. In 1973, Macdoel Elementary, Dorris Elementary, and Dorris High Schools unified. This was the first unified school district in Siskiyou County.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: February 7, 1908 – Boundaries described (7-438)

September 21, 1908 – Meeting of Board of Supervisors to canvass bond vote (7-540)

September 21, 1908 – Meeting to confirm canvass of bond election (7-548)

November 9, 1908 – Consideration of bond bids (7-576)

December 28, 1909 – Bonds issued (7-587)

December 7, 1914 – Part of Macdoel and Sheep Mountain taken to form the Shady Dell School District (10-51)

July 6, 1954 – Open bids for bond sale (23-224)

August 25, 1959 – Mt. Hebron School District annexed to Macdoel, boundaries described (26-187)

August 14, 1962 – Boundary change 927-306)

June 6, 1972 – Dorris and Macdoel Unified: Butte Valley Unified



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Macdoel students, ca. 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



School road sign, ca. 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



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Old Macdoel School used as a community church, ca. 1973. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



Macdoel School, ca. 1975. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.