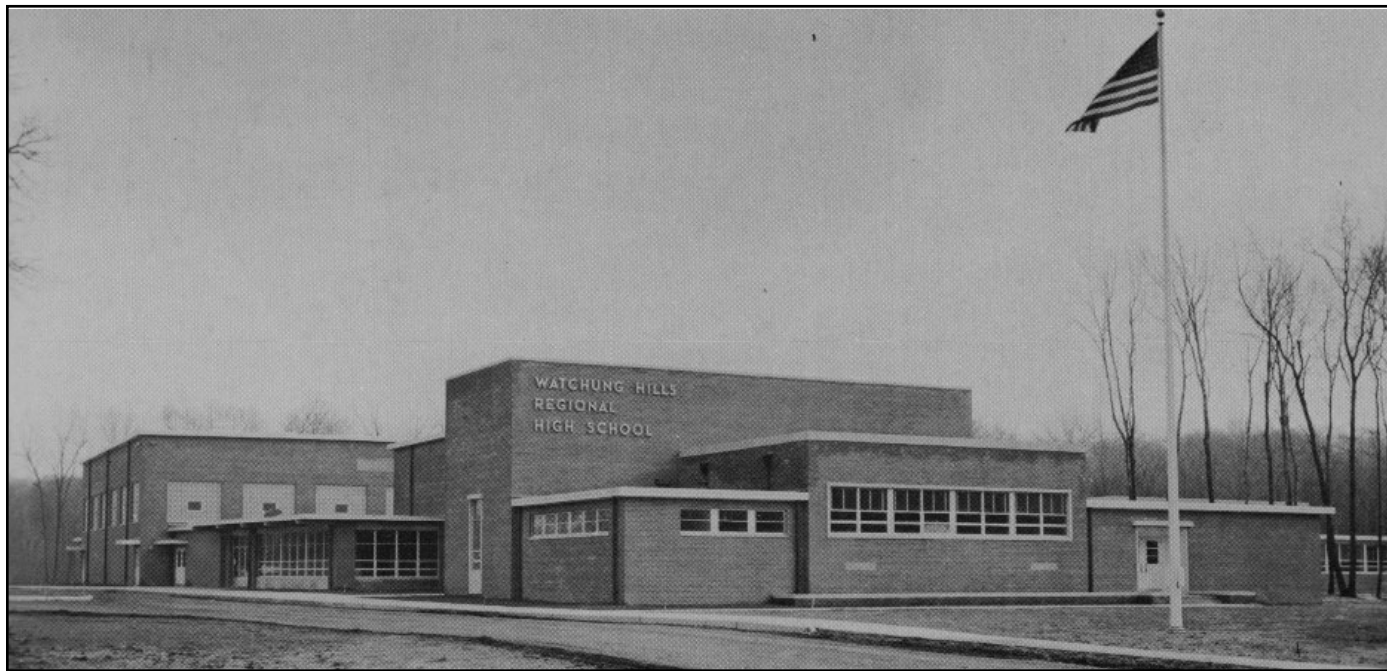


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In the fall of 1953 five representatives from five communities met for the purpose of discussing a feasibility study on a joint action for a regional high school. These communities were Chatham Township, Green Brook Township, Passaic Township, Warren Township, and Watchung Borough. "It was further stated that upon lack of authorized representation at the meeting, it was to be presumed by those attending that those absent Boards had no further interest." Hence, the foundational study was pursued by Passaic Township, Warren Township and Watchung Borough.

The formation of Watchung Hills Regional High School progressed with the approval by the three communities of a referendum in October 1954, the hiring of architect Ernest T. Brown in February 1955 and preliminary building and financial plans approved by the State of New Jersey in July 1955.

In November 1954, the newly elected Board of Education formed several subcommittees to complete various phases of establishing the new Watchung Hills Regional High School, setting the goal of a school opening in the fall of 1957. The committees were Building, Teachers and Curriculum, Financial, Publicity, Rules, Site and Executive.

How the members of that original Board of Education and the two successive Boards which accomplished the herculean task of gaining the support of three communities, two counties, and the state to agree on the varied aspects of establishing the new school as well as all the required plans and accomplishment of the necessary details to achieve their goals in time should remain awe inspiring to the thousands of students, staff and boards that would follow.

Therefore, we are honoring the members of these first Boards as the founding men and women or parents of Watchung Hills Regional High School.