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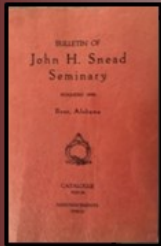
History of Boaz High School

Education in Boaz began with some of the first settlers, around 1878, taking place in wagons and then a log structure located about where Brown Street meets Mill Street (*Highway 168*). By 1891, The Boaz Academy had taken root and was located near the “woods located at John Sned’s property” on what is presently College Avenue. The school year was little more than 6 months, starting in the summer, dismissed for cotton harvest, and starting back during the winter months. In 1894, the Alabama legislature decided Boaz was entitled to receive county funds for a school. Boaz Academy became Boaz High School. However, in 1899, the building was given over to the Methodist Episcopal Church, later being known as Sned Seminary. Boaz High School would be reborn in 1903.

In 1924, with talk of constructing a new brick school, the “Second Boaz High School” conveniently burned down. The new school was built on Sparks Avenue and still stands, privately owned.



L-R: Inside the first designated Boaz school; the Boaz Public School, 1924, later Boaz Elementary School, 1961; the second Boaz High School, 1903-1924.



JOHN H. SNEAD SEMINARY

Sned Seminary provided higher or high school level education. A “third” Boaz High School was constructed on Thomas Avenue, beginning in 1936. Boaz High School was located there until the new, and current high school was opened on Brown Street in 1961. With three buildings now existing, they were named Boaz Elementary, Boaz Junior High, and Boaz High School.

The Junior High building burned down in 1977. The gym and kitchen (*where food for all three schools was cooked*) survived. The gym was converted into classrooms until new facilities were built onto the High School. At that point, Boaz High School would be headquartered facing Brown Street, with the Junior High headquartered in the rear facing Darnell Street. In 1977, the High School’s dining-only lunchroom would be retrofitted with a kitchen to cook food as well as serve. The Boaz Public Library is now located at the Thomas Avenue site.

The Junior High section was incorporated into the High School as additional schools were built in Boaz. Remodels and additions have resulted in the present campus content.

