

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
 BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026
 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address
 School District of Philadelphia
 21st & Winter Streets
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

9. tax parcel number / other number

10. U.T.M. zone **18** easting **4191031610**

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

northing **41426101010**

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building () Thematic
 in N.R. district yes () no ()

13. date(s) (how determined)
1923-1924

14. period **1921-1940**

15. style, design or folk type

Georgian Revival

19. original use **School**

20. present use **School**

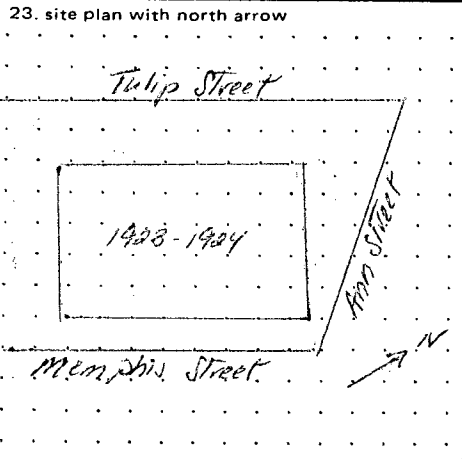
16. architect or engineer
Irwin T. Catharine

17. contractor or bullder
Ketcham & McQuade

18. primary building mat./construction
Brick with stone trimmings

21. condition **Good**

22. integrity **Excellent**



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 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact
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24. photo notation

25. file/location

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)
See reverse side

27. history, significance and/or background
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28. sources of information
See reverse side

29. prepared by:
Jefferson M. Moak

30. date **5-28-87** revision(s)

1. County **Philadelphia**
 5. present name **John Paul Jones Junior High School**

2. municipality **Philadelphia**
 6. other name (historic name if any) **NA**

3. street address or specific location
2922 Memphis Street

4. survey code

3. ADDRESS: Memphis Street, 2922

5. NAME: Jones, John Paul, Junior High School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1923-1924

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 17-register, brick building set upon a raised stone basement. The front of the building is in the shape of a shallow W. The center three registers form a projected pavilion. This pavilion has a stone first floor with arched entrance openings, stone pilasters between the openings on the upper floors, a stone course with the name of the school above the third floor and a balcony on top. The six registers on either side have a brick first floor with triple sash within the openings, stone sills and stone keystone-centered lintels. A stone beltcourse/cornice runs above the first floor. The registers are recessed on the second and third floors and separated by brick pilasters with stone caps. A stone cornice runs beneath the brick parapet. The end registers project with the same sash arrangement as that found on the previously described registers. The side elevations stretch 12 registers deep with projecting entrances in the third registers from the end. All openings along the side are at the same level, including those fronting the stairwells.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The concept of junior high schools in Philadelphia was relatively new in 1922. The first was the Holmes Junior High School at 55th and Chestnut Streets, a conversion from an elementary school design. Following its success, the School Board authorized the construction of five junior high schools in 1922 and three in 1923 in locations throughout the city. Each of these eight, designed from School Board Type Number JHS-4, contained 2.46 million cubic feet, a figure exceeded only by the various high schools constructed in the mid-1910s. The first of these buildings was the Edwin H. Vare School, for which the contract was awarded in March 1922. Both of the contracts for the Anna H. Shaw and the Jay Cook Junior High Schools were awarded less than a month later. The 1923 group included the John Paul Jones (contract awarded May 1923), Warren B. Harding (June 1923) and the Mayer Sulzberger (July 1923) Schools.

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Chronological List of Public School Buildings, 1818-1934 School Board, "New Buildings Under Contract"
Building Permit 1923 # 6621

EVALUATION: This building warrants inclusion onto the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Camden Quad

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
James Martin School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/491680/4425940

5964 11 SW
(GERMANTOWN)
Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Phillip Sheridan School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/490240/4427500

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Russell Conwell School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/490190/4426900

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
John Paul Jones Jr. High
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/490360/4426000

