

Dover levy vote set Dec. 8

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A 4.4-mill additional operating levy for Dover Schools, defeated by 133 votes at the Nov. 3 election, will be re-submitted to voters at a special election Dec. 8, the board of education decided Monday night.

Although the board made the decision on the recommendation of Supt. Bill Kinneer, each member expressed recognition of the urgent need for the additional funds. Board member Carl Pissocra was absent from the meeting, but in a letter read by C. Dale Swinderman, president, Pissocra cast his vote for re-submission of the levy.

Kinneer pointed out that the board is faced with a projected deficit of \$116,000 by the end of 1971 and stressed that this figure does not take into consideration future increases in the cost of operation.

Neither does it provide for salary increases necessary to attract qualified teachers, new buses to assure the safety of students, textbooks needed to keep abreast of the times, etc.

In discussing the need for the levy, board members expressed great concern for a continuing program of quality education which would not be possible on the present budget. The levy must be passed in December to receive the money during the 1971 year, they noted.

Kinneer submitted a written report to the board showing the increased cost of operation which substantiated

facts on the urgent need for passage of the levy.

Letters also were read from Dover Avenue and East PTAs and the Dover Education Assn., offering assistance if a special election was requested.

Kinneer pointed out that the election will cost \$100 a precinct or \$2200.

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Reports by Paul Koval, Russell McHenry and Tom Kane Jr. also were heard by the board.

Koval, director of curriculum, and McHenry, physical education director for elementary schools, discussed plans for an elementary intramural program with activities for boys and girls in the 5th and 6th grades. The 12-week program slated for Nov. 30-March 5 is expected to cost approximately \$1500 and the board voted acceptance of the plan.

Kane's report was a comprehensive education research report which indicated the high scholastic standing of Dover High graduates as shown by college admission tests and scholastic aptitude tests.

Kane, guidance counselor, also submitted an analysis and commentary which showed the rate of student drop-outs in Dover schools is decreasing.

Board member Richard Hanhart reported on the Buckeye Joint Vocational School levy which also failed at the Nov. 3 election. He said no decision has been made as to future action, but the matter will be discussed further at a Thursday night meeting of the JVS committee.

Members expressed belief in the importance of a good voc-ed

program and assured Hanhart of their support.

In other business brought before the board it was reported that an estimate of \$50,000 submitted by George Fiedler and Associates for converting an apartment building on Tuscarawas av. to art department facilities was thought to be prohibitive. The apartments will be cleaned, repaired and rented.

The board accepted Kinneer's recommendation on the following matters:

ACCEPTANCE of the resignation of Pearl Gerber and the appointment of Dixie Heck and Barbara Snyder to the substitute teaching staff;

APPROVAL of the elementary schools' "Outdoor Education Program" at Camp Tippecanoe May 3-7, 1971;

APPROVED home instruction for James Mitchell, who suffered injuries in an accident, and LaiLonie Stuber, who is ill;

AUTHORIZED funds for 16 teachers, counselors and administrative personnel to attend meetings of importance in their respective fields;

AUTHORIZED Clerk George Aebersold to request an advance of \$150,000 to meet current operating expenses.