

Dover board buys school buses, reviews changes in curriculum

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Dover board of education last night began planning for the 1971-72 school term by purchasing two buses and discussing a tentative curriculum.

On the recommendation of Supt. Bill Kinneer, the board awarded a contract to Myers Equipment Corp. of Canfield for two Carpenter bus bodies on a bid of \$6387 with trade-ins. Kinneer pointed out that Carpenter bodies are the heaviest available. He also stated the only other bid was \$6590 from Superior Body Co. for a modified version of the body usually purchased.

Bids received for two chassis were: Graef Ford Sales of Bolivar \$11,806, Truck Sales of Midvale \$11,326, Weigand GMC Truck Sales of Dover \$11,299 and Beatty Bus Sales of Pennsylvania \$10,999. The contract was given to the Weigand firm after the board agreed with Kinneer that the availability of local service was preferable and worth the \$150 difference between the lowest bids.

Changes and additions in the curriculum were outlined by Paul Koval, curriculum director, and included tentative plans for making physical education for seniors an elective, the addition of a number of new courses and changes in several present courses including driver education.

Koval stressed that 11 or 12 new courses had been added in the past five years and it was necessary to continue upgrading the curriculum to give students courses in keeping with advancing needs.

The change in physical education for seniors will be tried in an effort to alleviate the overcrowded situation which now exists.

The board accepted Koval's program which was outlined in more detail in a booklet and letter given each board member for further study.

In discussing future plans, Kinneer stated that he had met with other school officials in the county to discuss summer school courses with Dover running the program and other schools assisting in developing the curriculum.

Kinneer received approval for an expanded volunteer aide program which will be carried out with the assistance of a group of students' mothers. It was pointed out that at present such a volunteer aide program is being carried out in the library at Dover Avenue Elementary.

Although the school nurse now is receiving a salary of \$5440 a year, a salary schedule had not been computed and one was submitted last night by the superintendent, who also discussed briefly the school health program.

He stated that since a Tuscarawas County health levy had been passed at a recent election, he would meet with officials of that department to determine the extent of services the school could expect before making a proposal for the continued employment of a school nurse.

A pupil transportation policy presented by Don Peters, administrative assistant, was

adopted by the board and Peters announced that copies would be prepared for parents of all students transported by bus. The regulations are based on state standards, Peters said.

As a matter of form, the board approved closing of schools Feb. 9 because of the snow and it was noted there would not need to be a make-up day since the closing had the approval of the state board of education.

At the suggestion of Dale Swinderman, the board asked clerk George Aebersold to send

letters to the basketball and wrestling teams and their coaches expressing the board's congratulations on their accomplishments.

The board accepted the resignations of Robert Hawkins, Paul Sharp and Mrs. Thelma Shough. Hawkins plans to move to another state and the other two will retire after long periods of service.

Approval of expenses for teacher and administrative personnel attendance at professional meetings also was approved.