

Dover to graduate 277

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Providing they maintain a satisfactory standard of scholarship between now and June 7 commencement exercises, 277 students will comprise Dover High's 1971 graduating class.

On the recommendation of Supt. Bill Kinneer the list submitted by Robert Schrock, high school principal, was approved at last night's board meeting. The class will be the largest to be graduated in the school's history.

Also on the recommendation of Kinneer, the board:

APPROVED appointment of Jon Teuscher of Somerdale, Marilyn Myers, Betty Tracht and Judith Becker of Dover and Ted Martin of Gnadenhuetten to the teaching staff for the 1971-72 school year.

ACCEPTED the resignation of Elaine McNally who has accepted a teaching position in Germany.

APPROVED the appointments of three teachers for extra-curricular assignments: Paul Mowrey, junior high wrestling coach, with a stipend of \$250; John Starner as swimming coach, with a stipend of \$400, and Lawrence Baker, athletic director, with a stipend of \$500.

AUTHORIZED a week's extended service for Edna Cattabiani to make necessary arrangements for work stations for the educable mentally retarded at a stipend of \$220.

VOTED to send letters of commendation to 22 students who completed a state board of education basic studies program with four units in English, three in mathematics, social studies and foreign languages; to Floyd May and members of the cast for their presentation of "Man of La Mancha," and to Larry Gillaspie and the junior high band for the "superior" rating in weekend competition at Tuslaw.

ELECTED Dick W. Jennings as the board's representative to the Dover Library board of trustees. Jennings' present term will expire June 30.

APPROVED the purchase of 250 American History textbooks titled "America: Its People and Values" and 77 textbooks titled "Business English in Communication" at a cost of \$2500. Paul Koval, director of curriculum, outlined briefly the context of the books and recommended them as excellent sources after having studied them with members of the faculty. He pointed out that they would be replacing text now seven and eight years old respectively.

APPROVED a number of teachers and administrators to attend professional meetings.

ROBERT SCHROCK, high school principal, outlined a "four quarter" plan of study he and Koval observed on a recent trip to Georgia.

The plan calls for year-round classes based on 12-week sessions of study with students having a choice of the three quarters they attend.

He stated that credit would be received on the number of hours and that more courses could be offered under the plan. He also stated he thought it offered better quality education and better utilization of time and facilities.

He further pointed out that it is similar to the offering of courses in colleges and universities and that although the plan was originated at the high school level in Georgia, it is being used in some schools in Kentucky, Michigan and Indiana.

The board said it would like to discuss the idea further at future study sessions.

MEMBERS OF Mrs. JoAnn Limbach's American problems class showed a movie on ecology. Filming and narration was done by students and is available for showing to any interested groups. The board commended the students and Mrs. Limbach on their work.

The board passed a resolution stating the Winfield school property is no longer needed for school purposes and will be offered for sale at a public auction after proper publication notice is made of the date of the auction.

Mrs. Harlan Spies of RD 2, Dover, representing the Park School PTA, questioned the board on the reason for long periods of vacation at Christmas and Easter which necessitates opening school before Labor Day to give students the required 180 days of classes.

Board members and Supt. Kinneer stated it was one of two schedules submitted to the Dover Education Assn. and the one selected by the teachers.

Mrs. Spies said the PTA questioned the advisability of a week's vacation prior to a holiday in addition to the time free after a holiday.

According to the answers she received from several teachers and administrators, teachers are of the opinion that nothing is accomplished during part of a week prior to a holiday and therefore classes are dismissed for the entire week.

Several board members and teachers expressed surprise that parents objected to opening school before Labor Day saying they had not heard any objection. Mrs. Spies said her group had not taken a poll but that during discussion of the subject at various meetings attended by parents, they had heard more objections than approval.

TONY RINI OF RD 3 commended the board and administrators on their plan to change the bus routes permitting students now bused to South School to attend East School for the 1971-72 year.

"A careful study has been made of this situation in an effort to bring some relief to South School without, at the same time, creating a similar situation at East. A comparison of the total number of pupils involved, number of pupils at each instructional level, and transportation arrangements indicates that the most desirable results can be obtained by transferring those students living on Rt. 800 who are presently being transported on bus number five, from South School to East School.

"All students riding bus No. 5 would be involved in this transfer. This will eliminate having children from the same family attending two different elementary schools. The transfer would be effective in the 1971-72 school year.

"The Dover board of education, at its regular meeting on May 10, will take this proposed district attendance area change under consideration. Questions or comments concerning the change should be directed to Donald W. Peters, administrative assistant. (Such transfer will involve a hot lunch program to those bus students at East School).