

Dover German, Spanish classes get trip okay

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Dover board of education last night gave its approval to a plan for trips to Germany and Spain by members of the German and Spanish classes.

The plan was presented by Mrs. Ted Herz and Mrs. Paul Koval, German and Spanish teachers respectively, who gave estimated costs of \$385 for a 10-day trip or \$435 for a 14-day trip per pupil. This would include round-trip air fare from New York, hotel accommodations and two meals per day.

It was stressed that the trip would be made at the cost of the student's family and there would be no cost to the board. It also was stressed that any fund raising projects would be conducted in the names of the students taking the trip and not in the name of the school.

The only requirements made for inclusion in the trip is that the students have sufficient funds and parental approval:

If the trip is made it will be during the spring recess period.

BOARD MEMBERS also heard a report by Tom Kane Jr. on school drop outs. An analysis of the education research report showed:

Grades 11 and 12 are critical dropout years. School failure and retention continues to be the largest single cause for dropping out. The dropouts for the past year ranged widely in mental ability with Lorge-Thorndike I.Q. measures ranging from 66 to 112 and the median I.Q. in the normal zone;

The class of 1971 experienced a nearly steady dropout through all its grades. But, the dropout percentage of 8.3 per cent was far below the state level of 20 per cent;

Throughout the past ten years the senior year is the time of vulnerability toward dropping out, especially of over-age students. The success of classmates as they approach graduation further depresses these students;

There is a continued decline in per cent of students dropping out of Dover High. Continued flexibility of school programs and vocational course offerings are responsible for this holding power.

MRS. TOM (SHIRLEY) MILLER and Paul Quicksall, recently elected board members who will assume their board posts in January, attended the session.

Mrs. William Beitner Jr., Dover PTA board representative, thanked members for the newly-installed playground equipment at the school and Don Marshall, Park School principal, expressed appreciation for the expanded reading and materials center at that school.

On the recommendation of Supt. Bill Kinneer the board:

—**APPROVED** the Dover recreation department's use of grade school gymnasiums' Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for volleyball leagues in exchange for the school's use of Memorial Hall Mondays through Fridays from 3:15 to 5.

—**ACCEPTED** Susanne Schupbach and Teresa Rhoads as substitute teachers.

—**APPROVED** attendance for a number of teachers at professional meetings.

During the routine business session, George Aebersold, clerk-treasurer, was given permission to request a supplemental appropriation from the budget commission to make \$4000 available from the permanent improvement fund for playground equipment and a protective fence at Dover Avenue School.

A number of written reports were presented to the board including a teacher evaluation instrument developed by the Dover Education Assn. and the administration.

The next meeting, Dec. 13, will be the final one for board members Atty. Richard Hanhart and Eugene Dessecker, who were not candidates for re-election.