

Dover buys bus to replace one damaged in accident

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Because of an accident Friday involving a Dover school bus and the possible delay in getting it back in service, Dover board of education Monday night waived advertising for the purchase of a new bus.

The board had planned to begin advertising the first of the year for two new busses. Supt. Bill Kinneer reported last night he had received approval from the head of transportation of the Ohio Department of Education to waive the advertising and that he had made numerous inquiries about an immediate purchase.

The only bus now available can be put into use by the end of this week and will be purchased through Graef Ford Sales at Bolivar. The 66-passenger bus will have a Superior body and Ford chassis and will cost \$9337. It is a 1971 model.

Kinneer also reported that bids are being accepted for repair of the damaged bus.

DON PETERS, administrative assistant, reported on the accident which occurred on Rt. 800 north of Dover and displayed a chart and report prepared by bus driver Richard Fox. The chart showed the seating arrangement on the bus and the injuries received by the students.

The board commended Fox for his competent handling of the situation and noted that on the day following the accident he called at the homes of each of the 30 passengers to determine the students were okay.

George Aebersold, clerk-treasurer, reported there were sufficient funds to operate until the next distribution tax money.

In other action, the board:

—**ACCEPTED** the resignation of John Starnes as swimming coach. A scheduling problem at the YMCA and lack of participants were given as the reasons.

Board members expressed hope that a program could be arranged for the future.

—**EMPLOYED** Beverly Kirkbride of Dover to replace Nancy Morrison whose request for a leave of absence was approved.

—**EMPLOYED** Cathy Duffy of East Liverpool for the high school business course.

—**APPROVED** the employment of Florence Keuerleber, a former teacher now on the substitute list, to take over for Sharon McMasters, whose resignation was accepted. Mrs. McMasters is moving to New York. Miss Keuerleber also will serve as supervisory teacher for Nadine Loop, who will do her student teaching from Jan. 13 to March 10. Miss Loop will be given a contract for the remainder of the year.

—**ACCEPTED** the applications of Anthony Amicone and Susan Yockey as substitute teachers.

—**ACCEPTED** the resignation of bus driver Al Specht and approved the employment of James Fox to replace him. Fox, who has passed all the necessary examinations, has been serving as a substitute driver.

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

MRS. SHIRLEY MILLER and Paul Quicksall, elected to the board in November, were seated at the board table during the session although neither voted on any issues discussed.

Mrs. Isabel Moore, president, expressed the regret of the board on losing the services of Atty. Richard Hanhart and Eugene Dessecker, who were attending their final regular session. Neither was a candidate for re-election in November.

The meeting was recessed to Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m. when routine transfer of funds will be made.