

Special education plan, audit discussed by Dover school board

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The Dover Board of Education Monday night discussed briefly a recently submitted state auditor's report and at greater length a comprehensive special education plan.

The auditor's report showed the following:

PAYMENT of \$951 to Miller and Miller Insurance Agency of Dover for fire insurance and extended coverage on properties in the school district was a violation of Section 3313.33 of the Ohio Revised Code since Mrs. Tom (Shirley) Miller, wife of a co-owner of the insurance agency, is a member of the board.

An over-payment of \$120 had been made to William LoPresti, a teacher.

C. DALE SWINDERMAN, who is holding a provisional civil service appointment as an employee of the Ohio Department of Transportation, is ineligible to serve as a board member according to Section 143.41 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SUPT. BILL KINNEER stated that the insurance had been purchased from Miller and Miller before Mrs. Miller became a candidate for the board. When she was elected the policy was canceled and no further insurance is being purchased from the agency.

He said the error in wages paid to LoPresti was due to a miscalculation and that the money had been recovered from LoPresti.

The question of whether Swinderman is legally serving on the board has been

given to City Solicitor Tom Hisrich, (the board's legal advisor) for an opinion. The solicitor, Swinderman and Carl Pisocra, board president, will meet to discuss the matter.

It was noted that the auditor's report was very complimentary of the board's bookkeeping records and that in the 30 month period covered by the audit, more than \$8,000,000 had been spent and the only error in the books was one amounting to 55 cents.

A RESOLUTION WAS passed to adopt a comprehensive special education plan submitted by Howard Denison, school psychologist.

Each board member received a copy of the plan which, in compliance with Section 3323.011 of the Ohio Revised

Codes will be sent to the state. Denison explained that without the written plan, funding would not be made available by the state as it is now.

He identified the students in the special education classes as those who are blind, deaf, blind and deaf, educable mentally retarded and physically handicapped.

He noted that because of the lack of local facilities for the blind and deaf, they are transported to Canton daily for special classes. There are nine such students in the Dover District.

Denison expressed the belief that in the future there would be more involvement with other schools in the area and at the regional level to coordinate their programs making it easier to obtain funding.

KINNEER REPORTED that because of lack of space in the school, a group who will receive special counseling will meet in the Dover Library auditorium. The sessions will be under the direction of Ray Luyster, guidance counselor, and will be directed by Ron Berry of the Tuscarawas Valley Comprehensive Mental Health Center at Union Hospital.

It also was announced that the Tornado Club had requested the use of the high school gymnasium for a donkey basketball game. It was noted that the donkeys are fitted with rubber padding on their shoes and it would not damage the gym floor.

In other business the board:

—**GRANTED** a leave of absence to Marta Willoughby for the remainder of the school year.

—**APPROVED** home instruction for a senior student who is ill.

—**ACCEPTED** the appointment of Edwin Ely, Dorothy Barnes and Robert Ennis to the substitute teaching staff.

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

The meeting was recessed subject to recall by the president.

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