

Dover board OKs school bus bids

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Ferris Chevrolet of New Philadelphia will be awarded a contract for two 1973 bus chassis and Edwin H. Davis and Son of Newark will be awarded a contract for two 1973 first line Superior bus bodies by the Dover board of education.

At Monday night's meeting, George Aebersold, clerk treasurer, reviewed bids submitted by various firms.

Ferris' bid of \$12,524.18 was accepted over bids of \$12,572 from Graef Ford Sales Inc. of Bolivar, \$13,512 from Humphries-McKnight Trucks of New Philadelphia and \$13,544 from Weigand GMC of Dover.

The Newark firm submitted a bid of \$5380. The only other bid for the 66-passenger bodies was from Meyers Equipment Co. of Canfield whose bid for two Carpenter bodies was \$6138.82.

Supt. Bill Kinneer stressed that the safety features meet all state and federal requirements and that all seats have fully-padded backs, thus reducing the danger of injury in case a child is thrown against it.

MRS. CAROL HENDERSON, representing East School PTA, asked the board's assistance in obtaining closer supervision of children as they cross the streets to and from the school.

Kinneer pointed out that it is illegal to spend school funds for watchmen, but he and the board recognized the existence of a safety hazard and agreed to discuss the matter with Dover council's safety committee.

Routine business occupying the remainder of the meeting time included:

— APPOINTMENT of Douglas Strickmaker as a junior high math teacher for the remainder of the year to replace Mrs. Marta Willoughby, who will be on a leave of absence. Strickmaker will teach from Jan. 2, through June 9, 1973, on a limited contract with a salary of \$4563.

— ACCEPTED the resignation of John Neighbor as football athletic equipment manager and of Dick Marshall as 7th grade basketball coach.

— AWARDED a supplemental contract of \$350 to Thomas Margot to replace Marshall for the remainder of the school year.

— ACCEPTED a contract from the Canton Public Schools for seven physically handicapped students attending classes for the deaf and blind. The monthly rate beginning Jan. 1, 1973, will be increased from \$65.54 to \$72.29 per student. It was pointed out that the charge is established by the state.

— PASSED a resolution putting the board on record as supporting and participating in the local, state and national Right to Read Program making the target objective of the 1970s the elimination of functional illiteracy in the schools of the United States.

Don Peters, administrative assistant, explained that this is a continuing program in which Dover Schools have participated with special emphasis put on teaching a child to the fullest extent of his capabilities. It was pointed out there is no expenditure of funds by the local board. The federal government funds Jackson School in Massillon which conducts workshops for area teachers including Dover.

— APPOINTED John Jones, Ruth Yost and James Vincent to the substitute teachers' list.

— APPROVED attendance at professional meetings for several members of the staff.

The meeting was recessed until Dec. 28 at noon when accounts will be closed and necessary fund transfers made to conclude the 1972 year.

The board's re-organization meeting will be Jan. 1 at 7 p.m.