

Dover board proposes school for middle grades

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Dover board of education, at its meeting Monday night, took initial steps for construction of a building to house 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

For the first time in the school's history, two architectural firms were employed to draw up plans for the structure. James Knapp of Marr-Knapp-Crawfis in New Philadelphia and George Fiedler of Fiedler and Associates in Dover, representatives of the two firms who will work together on the project, thanked the board for the opportunity to design the structure.

A resolution was passed to employ Squire, Sanders and Dempsey of Cleveland, municipal bond attorneys, to provide special counsel and prepare and supervise election proceedings for the issue which will be presented to the voters in November.

No estimate of cost will be made until the architects' plans are completed.

SUPT. BILL KINNEER said, "The new building is not needed because of an expected increase in enrollment but because of the already overcrowded classrooms. The proposed building would permit expansion of the existing programs.

Included in the proposal will be renovation in the high school, at Dover Avenue School and Crater Stadium."

Although the decision to ask the voters' approval of a new school was perhaps the most important question to come before the board last night, much advance study had been given the subject and it did not take up as much time at the meeting as questions raised by students concerning prom and senior banquet activities.

BILL SINGHAUS, speaking for members of the junior and senior classes, asked that the prom be open to soph-

omores who would be invited guests of the upper classmen.

He stated that as far as costs were concerned they would be no higher for decorations, an orchestra and other items if it was an open or closed prom. He noted that many of the junior boys were dating sophomore girls and they did not want to spend the amount of money the prom would cost and have to take a girl from their own class whom they would be dating only one time.

He also stated that a survey of juniors and seniors showed more than 400 wanted the prom open to sophomores and that

members of the prom committee voted for it by a majority of six to one. He estimated that about 22 sophomores would be involved.

The board gave its approval on an "invitation only" basis.

ANDY MILTON, representing the seniors, asked permission to hold the senior banquet at Atwood Lake Lodge. He said inquiries had been made and no local facilities were large enough to accommodate the more than 200 who would be expected to attend.

He cited a poll taken among the students which showed an overwhelming

preference to go to the lodge. He also stated that other groups such as the OWE, DCT and athletic groups had gone outside the district for banquets and parties.

The board cited the safety factor and tabled the issue in hopes that parents would make known their wishes on the matter.

FOLLOWING a presentation made by Donna Moore, coordinator for the elementary school reading program, the board voted to adopt a new elementary reading series to be used from kinder-

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garten through the 6th grade in the four elementary schools. Miss Moore stressed that the decision to select the series offered by Ginn and Co. was made after 18 teachers met on an average of twice a month for almost two years to study all material available.

The new series, according to Miss Moore, will be supplemented by the programs now in use including ita. She also pointed out that the cost of \$16,031 will be about \$9 per pupil.

BOARD MEMBERS voted to accept a redistricting plan presented by Don Peters, administrative assistant. Peters explained that Dover Avenue School did not meet the pupil per instructor ratio required to make Dover schools eligible for ESEA-Title I Funds but the other three elementary schools were above the ratio.

It was decided to move the boundary line for students attending Dover Avenue from the present area which includes the homes from Wooster to Tuscarawas avs. as far south as the general area of 7th, 8th and 9th sts. to include students residing as far south as 5th st. Most of these students are being bused to Park School. An estimated \$40,000 in Title I funds would be lost if the redistricting had not been accepted by the board. The plan will not become effective until the 1973-74 term.

It was pointed out that the move will make two rooms at Park School available for use by the handicapped and slow learners.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of Robert Schrock, high school principal, the board approved dismissal of the 1973 graduating class at the end of the day May 25. The decision was made in order to prepare all grades, records and diplomas in time for June 3 commencement. Schrock stressed that the request was made contingent on good behavior and satisfactory standards of scholarship between now and graduation.

Members approved and adopted a revision and updating of the board's policies, rules and regulations prepared by Paul Koval, curriculum director.

James Easlick, who attended the session as an interested parent, thanked the board for instituting the athletic program for girls and requested that softball, tennis and golf be added to the volleyball, basketball and track in which the girls now participate. He said he was aware that additional coaches would be needed and asked the board's cooperation in expanding the program. Members promised their support.

MRS. ISABEL MOORE, a board member, noted that it was the 10th anniversary of the elementary schools' media centers and asked that the board send a letter to Pat Sindlinger and her staff commending them on their work. She pointed out that the centers have been used as models by other schools.

In other action, the board:

— **ASSIGNED** Terry Miller as 9th grade baseball coach with a supplemental contract of \$175.

— **ACCEPTED** the resignations for teachers, Kay Heck, Susan Willard and Judith Eschbacher.

— **RECOMMENDED** the appointment of Janice Hoskinson, Alice Ditcher, Marylee Llewellyn, William Mauk, Kathleen Mauk, Edward Brendza and Karen Thomas to the substitute teaching staff.

— **APPROVED** the "Outdoor Education Program" for 6th grades at Camp Tippecanoe. Students and teachers from South and East schools will attend May 7-9 and those from Dover Avenue and Park schools, May 9-11.

— **EMPLOYED** Jane Becker as clerk-typist and switchboard operator at a salary of \$2.10 per hour. She will replace JoAnn Cihon, who will become secretary to Paul Koval. Dorothy Contini, Koval's present secretary, will become Schrock's secretary.

— **APPROVED** attendance at professional meetings for a number of members of the staff and administrators.