

Dover board takes option on school site

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The first step toward accommodating future expansion of Dover schools was taken Monday night when the board of education agreed to sign an option on 57.725 acres just north of 23rd st. and west of Wooster av.

The tract is owned by Maurice and Adrian Helwick and there could be accesses to it from Wooster and Dover avs. and Walnut st. Milton Knoll, Coshocton developer, did have an option on the

acreage but dropped it when city council tabled a rezoning request.

Supt. Bill Kinneer said the \$1500 option price would be deducted from the purchase price, which would not exceed \$175,000.

Purchase of the tract hinges upon a 2.75-mill levy which will be submitted to voters next month.

Although there are no immediate plans for construction of a school on the site, the board agreed with Supt. Kin-

neer additional classrooms will be needed in the future and that it is good business to purchase a desirable site when one is available and within a reasonable price.

SUPT. KINNEER pointed out that the tract is within the city limits and that all utilities are available.

"The architectural firms of Marr-Knapp and Crawfis and George Fiedler and Associates have inspected the site and both say it is one of the best for a

school that they have ever seen," Kinneer said. "The size and location will take care of Dover's school needs for many years to come."

"The board has taken an important step in planning for the school district's future by unanimously agreeing to the option. It now is extremely important that voters approve the 2.75-mill levy. Our school millage will drop 75-hundredths of a mill at the end of this year, so the increase will be only two mills if the levy is passed."

Each board member last night pledged a month's board salary (\$20) to promote the levy as further evidence of their belief that the land purchase is necessary.

The board also discussed the 10-acre tract near Crater stadium now owned by the Senhauser family. The owners have requested that the land, now used as a parking area for football

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games and other activities at the stadium, be zoned for residential use. A hearing on the request will be held at tonight's zoning board meeting.

In other action the board:

—ACCEPTED the resignation of high school secretary Betty McCarty.

—APPROVED the assignment of Jeannine Kennedy as girls interscholastic volleyball coach and Beryl Scharein as girls basketball coach. The latter resigned from the advisory post now held by Miss Kennedy.

—AUTHORIZED home instruction for two students on the recommendation of their physicians.

—APPROVED the appointment of Thomas Myers of RD 1, Beach City, as high school Spanish and geography teacher.

—ACCEPTED High School Principal Robert Schrock's recommendation for early graduation for Janet Furbay and Patricia Griffith. Both were given diplomas as graduates of the class of 1973 after completing requirements by attending summer school and an American problems course.

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

—APPROVED a change in the Wednesday time schedule for elementary schools. Beginning Oct. 17, Wednesday classes will begin at 8:45 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. The change is being made because of a bus scheduling situation and will be in operation on a trial basis until Dec. 21.

—COMMENDED the Tornado Marching Band for its performance and behavior at Saturday's band show in Erwin, Pa.

The meeting was recessed subject to call by President C. Dale Swinderman.