

'Growth deficit' cited

Dover schools ask 2.75 mills

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Faced with a projected operating fund deficit of \$174,277 by the end of 1974, the Dover board of education Monday night acted to place a 2.75 mill additional levy on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The anticipated deficit can be attributed in part to the board's plans to purchase land for future growth. As a result the budget for capital improvements leaped from the \$25,000 estimated for 1973 to the \$107,500 proposed for 1974, a difference of \$82,500. The budget, which is up \$132,669 from estimated 1973 expenses, calls for expenditures of \$3,151,277 and receipts of \$2,977,000.

After laboring over the financial pack-

age until midnight, the board called a recess, subject to call if necessary.

AT THE CONCLUSION of the four-hour discussion, Supt. Bill Kinneer said, "The last deficit budget submitted by the Dover board of education was in July 1970. In December 1970, a 4.4 mill additional levy was passed and with this additional money we have been able to continue to improve a good educational program.

"During the past three years increased operating costs, such as textbooks, education supplies, salaries and building repairs have used up this money and most of the increase Dover schools received by passage of the state income tax.

"We have had several studies of our buildings made by Ohio State University, Akron University and the State Department of Education and all point up the fact that Dover needs a school building program.

"The board of education is in agreement that a building program is needed and will, in the near future, submit to the voters a bond issue for the renovation of the high school and stadium, improvements of elementary schools and a new middle school to house grades 6-8.

"The greatest need, at the present time, is adequate operating money. The budget approved tonight will permit continuation of a sound educational program and make funds available for the

purchase of land for the middle school. "There is land available now but it may not be when we are ready to build. In order to finance the budget approved tonight, a 2.75-mill additional levy will be submitted to the voters in November.

"Since there will be a .75-mill reduction in the bond retirement, the budget approved tonight will reflect only a two-mill increase."

General fund receipts anticipated for 1974 comprise a \$80,000 balance from 1973, local taxes, \$2,055,000; state foundation, \$802,000; other state funds, \$10,000 and miscellaneous, \$30,000 or a total of \$2,977,000.

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The largest expenditure in the proposed budget would be \$2,010,826 for instruction which includes salaries for teachers and principals, textbooks, materials and supplies. It is up \$70,426 from the estimated 1973 total. The auxiliary fund, which includes such expenses as insurance and hospitalization, retirement fund, Workmen's Compensation, auditor's and treasurer's fees, election expenses and other sundry items was estimated at \$445,000.

Other expenditures which would make up the proposed budget are: administrators' salaries, \$123,741; coordinated activities, \$10,920; libraries, including supplies and salaries, \$70,590; transportation, including salaries and buses, \$92,500; plant operation, \$233,200; plant maintenance, \$56,000; capital improvement funds, \$107,500, and debt service, \$1000.

In other action the board:

—EMPLOYED Jennifer Odor of Columbus as a junior high art teacher, Kathleen Evan of Mansfield as elementary and junior high French teacher, and Thomas Henry of Plymouth as high school social studies teacher. Each was given a limited contract at a salary of \$7325.

—ACCEPTED the resignations of Nadine Vernon, Irvin Mizer and Ann Gamber.

—APPROVED assignment of Douglas Willoughby as football equipment manager on a supplemental contract of \$300, and for two-weeks extended service with a contract of \$454, Terrence Corder as 7th grade football coach with a supplemental contract of \$350 and Floyd May as English department chairman with a supplemental contract of \$300.

—ACCEPTED the policy of free and reduced lunches as dictated by the state department of education's school food service program

—APPROVED the Dover city recreation board's request for use of school property for the summer recreation program.

—NAMED Carl Pissocra delegate and Mrs. Shirley Miller alternate to the Ohio school board meeting Nov. 13-15 in Columbus.

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