

Enrollment decrease in Dover schools leads to 'very desirable' class sizes

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The Dover board of education Monday night discussed budgetary matters and heard administrative reports on school-year opening and special education programs.

Copies of a school enrollment report were distributed, with Supt. Bill Kinneer noting that total enrollment was 217 less than last year. "One result of this is very desirable class sizes," he commented. He added that only two elementary classes, one with 35 students and one with 34, have more than 30 in a classroom.

Kinneer also reported a bond millage reduction of three-fourths of one mill, from 2.75 to 2.0, for the Dover school district on the upcoming tax duplicates.

The superintendent outlined the new state foundation program formula, which will bring in \$819,787 to the school system during the present school year. Of that figure, \$24,000 is for new special education and vocational classes.

The 1972-73 allocation from the state foundation program was \$760,511, a figure which is built into the new program as a guarantee that the Dover schools could not get less than that amount this

year, Kinneer explained.

Under the two-year formula, Dover schools are expected to receive \$866,021 for the 1974-75 program.

In official action, the board formally accepted the \$3,354,734 budget for 1974, which was certified by the Tuscarawas County budget commission.

On request of Clerk George Aebersold, the board approved the borrowing of \$50,000 from the bonded interest fund, to meet current operating expenses. Aebersold said the money would be returned to its original fund by Oct. 31.

High School Principal Robert Schrock reported on the school-year opening, terming it "the smoothest start in senior high in the five years I have been here."

He attributed the lack of confusion to last June's open registration, which enabled students to work with teachers in developing their own schedules. Many scheduling conflicts were worked out at that time, he said, making fewer scheduling changes necessary in September.

A report on special education classes was presented by Howard Denison, psychologist. He informed the board there are 10 students par-

ticipating in the learning disabilities program at Park Elementary, four in a tutorial program and seven low-incidence handicapped children who attend special programs in Canton. Of these, five are deaf and two have visual impairments.

He also discussed the slow learner's program, which includes five separate classes from elementary through high school. There are 71 students in the program.

Several teachers and one administrator were given new contracts, with salary increases, because of additional training completed since the 1973-74 contracts were approved.

Those placed in higher categories in the salary schedule were:

Jeanne Boich, Stuart Ferbrache, Carol Huprich and Wayne Reese, masters degrees; Margot Dean, Jeffrey Eklund, Josephine Longer, Beverly McHenry, Davetta Rapport, Susan Samsa, Jon Teuscher and Douglas Willoughby, bachelor plus 15 credit hours; Gertrude Herz and Irene Kovak, master degree plus 15 hours.

The board also renewed membership in the WVIZ (educational television) school service for the current school year, at a cost of \$3439.

Named to the substitute teaching staff were: Kathleen Weber, Mary Ann Angel and Christine McGrath, Janice Hoskinson, Sue Wherley and Elizabeth Mumma, Margaret Klingensmith, Marjorie Maurer and Brad Swinderman.

In other business, the board also:

— GRANTED approval for Scott Smith, whose family has moved to the Dover school district, to continue attending school at Indian Valley North High, where he is a senior. The Dover board of education will not be liable for his tuition.

— APPROVED the Dover High gym as site for the Eastern District Class A sectional basketball tournament, tentatively slated for Feb. 18 - March 2, 1974. Lawrence Baker will serve as tournament manager.

— NAMED Hazel Burson and Gloria Cooper to the substitute list for cafeteria work and Doris Cooley to part-time work at the East school cafeteria.

— AGREED to participate in the co-operative special education program and authorized the county board of education as fiscal agent.

— APPROVED the elementary physical education swimming program at the city pool for a two-week period.