

Off-the-record discussions mark Dover board meeting

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Sandwiched between two executive sessions, the Dover board of education Monday night approved several items of routine business.

The first executive session, closed to the press, was held with junior and senior high principals Charles Wilson and Robert Schrock to discuss recent disciplinary problems.

Following the business session, the board recessed to discuss methods of promoting the three tax levies which will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The issues are two capital improvements levies, for a half-mill and one mill, and a 2.5-mill operating levy.

Board member Isabel Moore stated she felt it was important for the voters to know that all five board members solidly support all three issues.

OFFICIALLY, the board approved the rental of the Dover Moose Club gymnasium (in the former YMCA building) for four months during the winter at \$150 a month to accommodate an expanded junior high and girls basketball program.

The basketball teams will use the gym from 4 to 6 p.m., four days a week.

The board discussed policies regarding halftime band shows at football games, referring to the Oct. 4 home game when the Wooster High band used more than its expected time.

Member La Verne King stated: "I think we should make it clear to all Cardinal Conference and other opposing schools that their bands are expected to use only 7½ minutes for their presentations. If they don't, we should simply not invite their bands back again."

"The Dover band is being 'short-changed' when they don't have enough time to perform," he continued, "and it's not fair to the kids, who work so hard to prepare a good show. We should establish rules and follow them."

Supt. Bill Kinner noted that a letter had been sent to the Wooster school, objecting to the incident, and that he hoped the matter could be resolved amicably.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

— **INCREASED** the stipend from \$250 to \$300 for Judith Vashinder as coach of the girls interscholastic volleyball team.

— **NAMED** Nancy Hewitt to the secondary level substitute teaching list.

— **ACCEPTED** the resignation of Judith Rutenberg as speech and hearing therapist for St. Joseph School, under the state auxiliary services program, because of illness in the family.

— **APPROVED** home instruction for two students.

— **APPROVED** attendance and necessary expenses for 25 teachers and staff members who have attended professional meetings and for 21 employees who will be attending future meetings.

— **AUTHORIZED** the clerk-treasurer to advertise for bids for two new school buses, pending state approval of the purchase.

— **AGREED** to rent the high school gymnasium on Jan. 25, 1975, for the Indian Valley North-Indian Valley South basketball game.