

Longtime Dover board clerk retiring, replacement named

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The Dover board of education Monday night approved several clerical changes for the future and discussed reasons for last week's defeat of the three proposed tax levies.

George Aebersold, 70, who has been clerk-treasurer of the board since 1961, has informed the board he will retire, effective Jan. 1.

On recommendation of Supt. Bill Kinneer, the board approved hiring Mrs. Hugh (Norma) Hardwidge of 1733 Tremont st. as the new clerk.

Mrs. Hardwidge has served as assistant clerk since May 1961. Her salary will be \$10,000.

Other changes included the appointment of Don Wallick, head janitor at the junior high and high school, to superintendent of buildings and grounds, a new position at \$9970. Mrs. Peg Osburn was named cafeteria head at \$5500.

IN DISCUSSING last week's levy defeats (for land purchase, operating expenses and capital improvements to buildings), the board cited an apparent lack of communication with the public.

"We do a poor public relations job," member Ed West stated. "On the one hand, people say they are proud of Dover schools, and then they say we are not doing the job in educating youngsters and they don't support the schools at the polls. Anyone who is interested would find out we are doing a good job."

Isabel Moore commented: "I would like to see board members bring more people into the schools, to show them around and explain our programs and then ask them what they want the board of education to do. Perhaps we should ask them, 'What do you want?'"

Donna Moore, elementary coordinator, gave the board an updated report on the elementary school program and echoed West's sentiment that "We should blow our own horn."

She outlined current programs such as new concepts in social studies, preparations for introducing metrics, textbook selection, philosophies of teaching grammar and enrichment programs.

The board authorized sending a letter of congratulations to the Dover football team and coaching staff for its nine-and-one record during the recent season. Also to be included in the commendation are the cheerleaders and members of the band.

THE BOARD also approved a new policy on accessibility of students' school records, in conformity with a new feder-

al law which goes into effect Nov. 20.

Under the new policy, parents, guardians or any student in Dover High in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade will have access, in the presence of certified school personnel, to review, amend or contest the accuracy of records contained in the student's folder.

Parents, guardians, graduates or students having attained adult legal status will be notified when records are transmitted to other school systems or agencies, and a record will be kept in the student's cumulative folder showing the date, recipient and sender of the records.

The new law, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, guarantees parents the right to review their children's records. They also may question the folder's contents and ask that any materials which might be determined inaccurate, misleading or inappropriate be taken from the file.

IN OTHER business, the board:

— NAMED Marv E. Heil, Paul James, Thomas Myers, Emily Rummell, Sue Bergrache, John Marks and Judy Murtaugh to the substitute teacher list.

— HIRED Frances Moser as part-time teacher aide at East School and Shelby Smith as high school media center aide, both at \$2.10 per hour.

— APPROVED attendance and expenses for several staff members at various professional meetings.

— DEFERRED until the Dec. 16 meeting any action on the board's option on the 60-acre Helwick tract in the northwest section of the city. The land was intended for future building programs and the option expires Jan. 1.

— APPROVED, with Mrs. Moore dissenting, a request from Choir Director Walter Heck for the senior choir to participate in a December Christmas program at Monroe Mall in New Philadelphia.