

Balance projected for Dover schools

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Although the final meeting of the year, to approve fund transfers closing out the year's books, will not be held until Dec. 30, the Dover board of education Monday night was assured that the school district will start 1975 with a healthy balance.

Supt. Bill Kinneer reported that because of supplemental funds from the state, \$40,000 more than expected from local personal property taxes and the state foundation allowance, the year-end balance will be \$150,000 to \$175,000.

Final figures will be determined after bookkeeping procedures are completed.

The resignation of Clerk-treasurer George Aebersold, who announced his retirement at the Nov. 11 meeting, was accepted, "with regret and with best wishes for his retirement."

Aebersold, who held the post 14 years, will be replaced Jan. 1 by Mrs. Hugh (Norma) Hardwidge, who has served as assistant clerk since 1961.

Last night, Aebersold commented: "The primary responsibility of the clerk-treasurer is handling the money, to see that we receive what we should and that it is properly dispersed. Through the years here, I have handled a good many millions of dollars."

The board approved the purchase of two new school buses, to replace two 1968 models which are expected to show 100,000 miles each by the end of this school year. If ordered now, the buses will be delivered in August.

Low bids were accepted, at \$18,468 for two GMC chassis and \$7139 (after a \$5500 trade-in allowance) for two Carpenter bodies, for a total cost of \$25,607. Kinneer noted that the state reimbursement will be approximately \$5000.

The purchase is subject to approval by the state.

PAUL QUICKSALL, board president, was named to a one-year term on the Tuscarawas County Joint Vocational School board of education and La Verne King was named to a two-year term.

Both are holdover members of the JVS board, but their terms were switched because King was appointed in January to fill a previously unexpired term.

The board approved the assignment of

five junior high basketball coaches, at \$350 each. Named were: Stuart Ferbrache, Mark Stachowitz, Brad Swinderman and Terry Corder, 7th grade coaches, and Ernest Raber, 8th grade coach.

A report from Charles Wilson, junior high principal, explained that 44 7th grade boys are out for basketball, divided into four 11-man groups. Each is assigned one of the coaches for practices four nights per week, emphasizing fundamental drills and playing a round-robin schedule.

Two 8th grade coaches, Raber and Tom Armstrong Jr., are in charge of 30 boys who practice five days a week and play an interscholastic schedule.

Don Peters, administrative assistant, pointed out that more boys are able to participate in the basketball program under the new system.

Three persons were hired as members of the non-teaching staff for the remainder of the year. They were: Ruth Lyster as administrative secretary at a computed contract of \$2496; Diane Miller as classroom aide at South School at \$2.30 per hour, and Gwen Eichel as high school cafeteria worker at \$2 per hour.

REPORTS WERE given by Don Marshall, Park School principal, and Paul Koval, director of secondary curriculum.

Koval related his observations of the public school system in Russia, following his trip there last month as part of a tour sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa, an educational fraternity. He explained the 10-year universal compulsory education program and commented: "The Russians are doing an outstanding job in education, considering the conditions."

Marshall recently completed a guidebook for local field trips and resource

speakers, designed to assist teachers in using the community as a source of learning. The guide was prepared with a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.

In other business, the board:

— APPROVED the 6th grade outdoor education program to be held at Camp Tippecanoe in May 1975, at a cost of \$11 each for students and adults.

— NAMED Janet Caldwell, Frederick Kinsey, Phyllis Markworth, Leland Munday and Edith Kneubuehl to the substitute teaching staff.

— AGREED to rent Crater Stadium to Central Catholic High for two 1975 football games, with Newcomerstown on Sept. 20 and Garaway on Nov. 1.

— GAVE approval to the Dec. 2 school closing because of a snow storm.