

# Rehiring Dover coach broached by minister

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Rumors that Tom Connor, Dover's head basketball coach, won't be rehired "came out in the open" at Monday night's board of education meeting.

Rev. Jerry Schuessler, associate pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ, where Connor is a member, asked the board to talk over reports of "mixed motives and different opinions" regarding the rehiring of Connor.

He requested the board go into an executive (private) session. The board did so and the meeting was adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Following the regular meeting, which was recessed until April 23, Supt. Bill Kinneer called another "study session" which again excluded the press.

The board will have two "study sessions" April 23 to discuss the elementary and secondary teaching staff. The recessed meeting will begin at 9:45 p.m.

**CONNOR, FORMER** basketball star at Dover High in the early 1940s, has been varsity coach the past seven years. After four consecutive losing seasons, Connor's teams compiled records of 10-9, 17-6, and 14-5. His overall coaching record is 69-80.

The 1973-74 team went to the regional tournament and this year's senior-domi-

nated varsity of nine players was eliminated in the first game of the sectionals.

The remainder of the meeting was routine. The board "accepted with regret" the resignation and retirement of Dorothy Partridge, kindergarten teacher at South Elementary since 1946.

Susan Rummell resigned as remedial reading teacher as of April 18. She is moving out of state.

**OTHER RESIGNATIONS** concerned extra-curricular positions. William LoPresti resigned as reserve basketball coach, Howard Lorson as science department chairman, Thomas Kane Jr. as guidance department chairman, Ruth Burky as Y-Teens advisor, James Nixon and Jeff Ecklund as junior class advisors and Doug Willoughby as equipment manager. Willoughby said he was beginning work on his master's degree.

Jane Tucker, Martha Burtscher, Sharon Specht, Michael Walak, Sherrel Rieger and Alice Rini were named to the substitute teaching staff. Walter Maurer was named a substitute bus driver.

The board approved home instruction for Julie Pissocra, an 8th grader who fractured an ankle in three places in a roller skating accident.

The board also renewed the student accident insurance program with Floyd Burris of Bolivar.