

Four teaching vacancies filled, busing change approved at Dover

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The Dover board of education Monday night took additional steps toward planning the 1975-76 school year and informally discussed some of the educational bills pending in the Ohio legislature.

Four new teachers were hired and Supt. Bill Kinneer said only one vacancy remains to be filled. He noted that the school system had received nearly 500 applications for teaching positions this year.

Teachers hired, on the recommendations of building principals and supervisors who conducted interviews, were:

Renee Gold of Bolivar, for Educable Mentally Retarded class at East School; Dorothy Marlowe of Dover, kindergarten at South; Susan Armstrong of Worthington, 3rd grade at Dover Avenue (expected to receive supplemental contracts for high school girls sports); and Jean Menzies of Glen Ellyn, Ill., junior high art.

All have bachelor degrees.

THE BOARD also approved a busing change for next year, with elementary students from the Zoar rd.-Rt. 800 area to be transported to East School instead of South. Don Peters, administrative assistant, noted that the area is closer to East School and said the change was made because of having the needed space at East next year. The change also will eliminate one bus run.

One resident, Mrs. Gary Green of RD 2, who resides on Rt. 800, attended the session to request that her children be permitted to continue at South School because of its proximity to her babysitter's home.

She was told that if transportation is provided by the family, any child in the district may attend any elementary school. There is no "tuition" fee.

Supt. Kinneer also pointed out that additional bus drivers are needed and interested persons may contact him or Peters. Coaching resignations were accepted from Judith Vasbinder, girls volleyball; Patricia Sattler, assistant girls track, and Lois Miller, freshman girls basketball.

Informed that James Ross was termi-

nating his position on the Dover Library board of trustees, effective June 30, the board named Atty. Dennis Traver as his replacement for a seven-year term.

The library is a school district library and its trustees are named by the board of education. Traver is an associate of the Syler, Redinger and Wright law firm.

AFTER RECESSING, board members discussed aspects of Senate Bill 70, Senate Bill 208 and House Bill 559, all now being considered by the legislature.

"The result of these bills, if passed, would be to eliminate local control of school systems," Paul Quicksall commented.

Both Quicksall and Board President Isabel Moore stated they had informed Rep. William Hinig (D-New Philadelphia) of their objections. "It seems obvious that the legislators have never served on boards of education," Mrs. Moore said. Among their objections were the amendment to S.B. 70 which states that there must be two-thirds of the students or teachers in classes or the schools are declared closed.

Also cited were proposals to mandate a continuing contract for a teacher after the third one-year contract is approved, amounting to "instant tenure"; required hearings with cross-examinations, etc., if a teacher is not to be rehired, and proposed authority of a teacher planning board to usurp the authority of the State Board of Education on certification of teachers.

"If these bills are passed, I think it shows irresponsibility on the part of the legislature," Mrs. Moore said.

Kinneer pointed out that some aspects of the bills, requiring hiring of specialized personnel and setting teacher-pupil ratios, would not affect Dover as the school system already meets the requirements of the proposals.

He said he had attended some of the legislative sessions and he felt that several of the proposed measures would not be passed into law.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

— **ACCEPTED** the resignations of two teachers, Martha Henney because of retirement and Margaret Brunner for home responsibilities, and granted a one-year leave of absence to another teacher, Marjorie Benedum.

— **APPROVED** appointments of the non-certified staff (secretaries and clerical workers, custodians, cafeteria workers and bus drivers) for the 1975-76 school year, according to the new salary schedule approved last week.

— **NAMED** Nancy Maurer and Leona Glazier to the non-certified staff to be placed as needed, hired Patricia Denning as cafeteria worker and bus driver and accepted the resignations of Doris Cooley, Evelyn Maurer and Pauline Statzer from the staff.

— **SET** dates for five junior high and high school morning staff meetings during the next school year.

— **NAMED** Daniel Seikel to the substitute teacher list for the remainder of this year.

— **SET** a public hearing for July 14 at 8 p.m. on the proposed 1976 budget.

— **APPROVED** continued participation in federal title programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education and National Defense Education Acts, designating Don Peters, administrative assistant, as authorized representative to file applications and reports on the programs.