

Dover board outlines how levy money will be spent

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In official business Monday night, the Dover board of education tied up several loose ends relating to the opening of the 1974-75 school year.

Informally, the board met in recessed session to discuss the three additional tax levies which will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot and methods of promoting passage of the levies.

Supt. Bill Kinneer outlined the specific purposes of the three levies. They are:

(1.) — A half-mill capital improvements levy, to run for five years and yield an estimated \$175,000 for land purchase.

The board holds an option on the 60-acre Helwick tract in the northwest section of the city and the funds would be used to purchase of the land for future building expansion, possibly to erect a middle school.

(2.) — A one-mill capital improvements levy, yielding \$350,000 over a five-year period.

Kinneer said the funds would be earmarked for the following: Lighting and electrical improvements at the high school and Dover Avenue; stadium improvements, including new lights; replacement of windows and doors at the junior and senior high where needed, and possible acquisition of land

near the high school and stadium.

(3.) — A 2.5-mill operating levy to run for an indefinite period and bringing in an approximate \$175,000 per year.

The planned expenditures for calendar year 1975, presented to the county budget commission in July, showed a projected \$220,000 deficit. Kinneer said a \$60,000 state supplement will reduce that deficit to \$120,000. The money is needed, he said, to attempt to operate in the black and to fight additional anticipated inflationary costs.

IN THEIR DISCUSSION, board members stated the levies were not needed because of increased enrollments, as Dover student enrollment again decreased this year, but for improved programs and facilities.

"We know we are not overcrowded right now as far as the entire system is concerned," Ed West commented, "but we need to emphasize the fact that we are aiming for better education and better programs."

Members also stated that the specific use of the 60-acre property had not been decided, but would be determined by future needs. However, West and Mrs. Shirley Miller noted they were dissatisfied with the present junior-senior high arrangement, which places grades 7-12 in the same building.

"When we attend educational meetings and seminars," Mrs. Miller

said, "representatives of other systems are shocked that Dover still has this type of facility."

DURING ITS OFFICIAL session, the board completed teaching assignments for the year and heard a report on bus routes from Don Peters, administrative assistant.

New teachers hired were: Mary Jo Gavin, 24, of New Philadelphia, with a bachelor degree from Akron University and two years' experience, for Dover Avenue school, and Patricia A. Rehm, 33, of Dover, bachelor degree from Western Michigan University and two years' experience, at Park school.

The resignation of Mrs. Ruth Poole of New Philadelphia, who is moving to West Virginia, was accepted.

Peters reported a minimum of problems with the first week's schedule of the system's 13 buses. He stated all make the early run for secondary students and 11 return for the later elementary school schedule, with two buses continuing on to take students to Central Catholic High in New Philadelphia. The same basic pattern is followed after afternoon dismissal.

PETERS ALSO reported on a driver's education simulator unit, owned by the state department of education and now available for use from Stark County because of reduced enrollments there.

The board approved a resolution participating in the program, which would permit the \$25,000 unit to be parked permanently on blocks at the rear of the high school for simulated on-the-road driver training.

Cost to the Dover system would be \$825 per year for service calls and \$250 per year for insurance. Kinneer said that under the state program, the unit also would be available to other schools, on a per-pupil cost basis, but Dover students would receive priority in usage. The unit would remain the property of the state.

Named to the substitute teacher list for the school year were: Kimberly Youngen, Kathy Wright and Christine McGrath, elementary; Constance Zehner and Susan Foutz, kindergarten through 8th grade; Edna Cattabiani, special education and 7th through 12th grade; Charles B. Schroeder, social studies and physical education; Joy Slemmer, Spanish, and Lucia Seymore, English.

The board agreed to again participate in the cooperative special education program, providing a special education unit for the educable mentally retarded. The Tuscarawas County board of education is fiscal agent for the program.

IN OTHER BUSINESS the board:

— ASSIGNED Sandy Archinal as 7th

and 8th grade girls track coach at a \$200 stipend and Christine Tucker as high school cheerleader advisor at \$100.

— GRANTED new contracts, with salary increases because of additional training, to Lynn Bassetti, Jeff Eklund, Connie Lahr, William LoPresti, Charles Mailat, Russell McHenry, Anna Swinderman, Larry McMillan, Ruth Pritchard, Rebecca Settle and Mary Tucker.

— INCREASED the teaching assignment of Sandy Archinal, junior high home economics teacher, from half time to three-fourth time, with an increase in salary.

— APPROVED the use of the high school gymnasium for the Class A basketball sectional tournament on the approximate dates of Feb. 17-March 1, 1975, with Lawrence Baker to serve as tournament manager.

— NAMED Carol E. Murphy to the Dover Avenue cafeteria staff and Hazel Burson and Gloria Cooper to the high school cafeteria for a probationary period at \$2 per hour, and named Beatrice Espenschied and Gwendolyn Eichel as substitute cafeteria workers at the same rate.

— APPROVED expenses and attendance for Howard Denison and William LoPresti to professional meetings.