

Appropriations total \$4,166,889

LaVerne King heads Dover board

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LaVerne W. King of 1321 Cross st., beginning the third year of his first term on the Dover board of education, was elected president at Monday night's annual reorganizational meeting.

King, who is supervisor for credit and collections for the Akron division of

East Ohio Gas Co., also is a member of the Buckeye Joint Vocational School board.

Elected vice-president was Mrs. Tom (Shirley) Miller of 1728 N. Wooster av., who was elected to her second term last November.

Mrs. Miller, along with retiring presi-

dent Mrs. Dan (Isabel) Moore and newly-elected James Zifer were sworn into four-year terms. Carryover members are Ed West, who was unable to attend Monday's meeting because of an out-of-town business appointment, and King.

THE BOARD approved temporary 1976 budget appropriations totaling

\$4,166,889. The \$3,706,889 operating fund includes a \$274,498 carryover balance with which the district started the new year.

Supt. Bill Kinneer noted that the 1975 year-end balance was planned for, and approved by the county budget commission, as operating money which would be needed in 1976.

The actual 1975 expenditures totaled \$3,791,743, with \$3,337,791 of that amount used in the operating fund.

The temporary 1976 budget shows an estimated \$1,053,888 in anticipated state foundation program funds, and \$2,335,502 from general property tax. Property taxes in 1975 yielded \$2,252,796 and state foundation funds were \$979,358.

Kinneer also reported that the updated assessed valuation of the school district is \$94,173,490, compared with the 1975 valuation of \$83,395,892.

The increased valuation will result in a further millage reduction from the 1975 rate of 27.90 to 26.50. Operating millage is 24.80 and debt service is 1.70 mills.

The total valuation, with 1975 figures in parenthesis, is comprised of: Personal property \$32,452,440 (\$27,973,612); public utilities \$5,573,890 (\$5,141,980); and real estate \$56,147,160 (\$50,280,300).

THE DISTRICT will face a 1.5-mill operating levy renewal in June.

The 1976 bond and interest fund was budgeted at \$185,000 and the budget also includes a \$35,000 permanent improvements fund.

The final appropriations must be approved by the end of March.

The salary of Clerk-Treasurer Norma Hardwidge was increased from \$10,000 to \$11,440. Mrs. Hardwidge has completed her first year in the position and Kinneer said the increase represented a 4 per cent experience increment plus the 10 per cent increase granted to other school personnel since last Jan. 1.

Board members will be compensated \$20 per regular meeting, comprising twelve meetings per year. The board also resolved to join the Ohio School Board Assn. for 1976, at an approximate cost of \$450.

Regular meeting dates were set for the second Monday of each month at 7:45 p.m. in the administration building.