

Dover textbook study is proposed

Three appointments were approved by the Dover board of education during its regular session Monday night and a report was heard on a proposed study of new textbooks for several classes in the junior and senior high.

James Zifer, incoming board member, was named to the Buckeye Joint Vocational board, re-affirming the preliminary appointment made last month. LaVerne King, new board president, also is a member of the JVS board.

Shirley Miller and Ed West were re-named to the high school athletic board. West and Isabel Moore also were named to an insurance committee, to study quotes for blanket coverage of all buildings and facilities in the school district.

Paul Koval director of curriculum, requested approval for the textbook study, stating most areas of the curriculum would be due for some new texts in September of this year or September 1977.

He also was given conditional approval for the use of a computer for math courses for the college-bound students.

"THE COMPUTER in the classroom would not replace basic math skills," Koval said, "but would help put the student into the modern age and show him that, once the skills are mastered, machines are now able to do much of the work and replace the tedium."

The computer plus manual would cost approximately \$3500 and Koval was authorized to proceed, after further checking into lease/purchase arrangements. The computer would not be used in a separate new course; he said, but would be implemented in existing advanced algebra and advanced math classes.

Koval also outlined the need for new math textbooks and Mrs. Moore asked why Dover High did not offer a course in calculus.

Koval responded that under the present scheduling system, a student would have to choose between calculus or advanced math. "The present advanced math class includes pre-calculus and also provides a better math background," he said.

He said, however, that a study could be made of student interest in a calculus course.

SUBJECTS covered by the textbook study include foreign languages, health, American history, algebra, general science, junior high literature, civics, psychology, sociology, health and geography.

Koval noted that some textbook selections will be related to curriculum changes, such as a return to a course offering in general science, and the possible replacement of Latin American history, a junior high requirement, with North American geography.

Supt. Joe Carlisle of the Buckeye JVS and David Myers, JVS counselor, attended the session to show slides of the new vocational school and outline course offerings and student placement procedures.

In other business, the board:

- AUTHORIZED the clerk-treasurer to request advance draws from county tax funds and borrow up to \$250,000 as needed through 1979.

- GRANTED permission, as requested by Floyd May, speech and drama instructor, for the Thespians to hold two Sunday afternoon performances of upcoming productions, on Jan. 19 and April 11.

- APPROVED further exploration by Ted Martin, science teacher, on the possibility of taking students to Andros, an island in the Bahamas, for an in-depth study of sea life during spring break, at the students' expense.

- HIRED Rebecca A. Eichel of Bolivar as part-time instructor in the simulated driving lab.

- NAMED David J. Groh and Thomas Bichsel to the substitute teaching list.

- ESTABLISHED a \$2000 service fund, as required by state law, for expenses of board members and administrators attending professional meetings.

- APPROVED the use of Dover school buses by the Tuscarawas County Disaster Agency in the event of an emergency in the county.