

Board action centers on transportation problems

Transportation problems were discussed and some mid-year teacher changes were approved by the Dover board of education Monday night.

Supt. Bill Kinneer reported on his investigation into the possible purchase of a 23-passenger minibus for transporting athletic teams and field trip use.

He said cost of the special vehicle could be as high as \$15,000 and officials of the state department of education told him they would not reimburse the school district for a bus which would primarily be used for athletics.

Board members expressed concern about the fact that many of the small-sized athletic teams, such as golf, wrestling, tennis and some girls athletics, were being transported by private cars to events at other schools.

"I would much prefer that we put even as few as 10 students on a 66-passenger bus," Kinneer reported, "but one is not always available."

"Would it make any serious problem," Ed West asked, "if we insisted as a matter of policy that all school transportation must be on a school bus?"

Don Peters, administrative assistant, responded that if breakdowns occurred or repairs were needed on the buses used for regular school runs, none would be available for athletic events scheduled immediately after school.

"I'm sure that if we could justify the expense, the 23-passenger bus could be put to much use," Kinneer responded.

He also reported that two new buses may be needed next year, to accommodate transporting students to the Buckeye Joint Vocational School. Cost of these 66-passenger vehicles would probably be reimbursed by the state, he said.

The board approved the purchase, at approximately \$5300 (with trade-in) of a box-type Chevrolet van from Ferris Chevrolet. Kinneer said the unit would be used for transporting school lunches to the elementary schools, moving maintenance equipment and taking band instruments to out-of-town events.

IN PERSONNEL changes, three teachers were hired for the remainder of the year. Stephen D. Lenarz of Dover was hired as South School 6th grade teacher, replacing Merle Whitis who was named high school guidance counselor after the death of Lorn McCartney.

Susan Hawk of Dover will replace Jean Morgensen, high school art teacher, whose husband was transferred out of the state. Mrs. Morgensen also was an assistant junior high girls track coach.

Hired as a substitute on a day-to-day basis was Marcile Suter, who will take over the home economics classes taught by Ruth Burky. Mrs. Burky was

granted a maternity leave, effective Jan. 27.

The board also named Patricia Fesemyer as school nurse on a substitute basis because of the illness of Mrs. Mildred Fitzsimmons. Kinneer noted that additional school nurse substitutes are needed. Applicants must be registered nurses.

MARK FRASURE of 1601 N. Walnut st., an attorney with the Smith, Renner, Hanhart, Miller and Kyler law firm, was named to the unexpired term on the Dover library board vacated by Atty. Dennis Traver. Traver will become Dover city solicitor Jan. 1. The library board term expires June 30, 1982.

The board approved several end-of-the-year fund transfers after Kinneer explained state examiners said the transfers could be made at the regular session and would not require a special meeting. Transfers were from the contingency fund to the general fund, uniform school supplies and federal Title III program.

The superintendent reported that bookkeeping has not been finalized for the year and the December allocation from state foundation funds has not been received. He estimated that the district would begin 1976 with a \$250,000 carryover balance. The balance will be needed, he said, to meet the 1976 budget.

The board also:

— **APPROVED** the granting of an honorary diploma to Vera Siqueira, Rotary exchange student, and regular diploma to Kim Smith Antonelli.

— **NAMED** David Contini as assistant baseball coach at a stipend of \$500 and Richard Tidrick as junior high boys track coach at a stipend of \$300.

— **GRANTED** approval, with President Isabel Moore voting "no," for the high school art show to be held next spring at Monroe Mall in New Philadelphia, as requested by Bryce Browning, art instructor.

— **NAMED** Lance Pennington and Joel K. Barr to the secondary substitute teaching list.

— **VOTED**, as was informally agreed upon in November, to assist SHAGYS (Self Help, Alternatives, Growth and Youth Services) in sponsoring a social seminar on drug abuse.

— **SET** the combined organizational and regular monthly meeting for Jan. 5, 1976.

— **HEARD** a report from Don Peters, administrative assistant, that proposals to alter the insurance program, as requested by teachers as a result of contract negotiations, would be presented at the next meeting.

— **APPROVED** home instruction for two students, because of pregnancy and surgery.

— **GRANTED** a leave of absence to a Park School secretary, hired a substitute replacement and hired an additional substitute bus driver.