

Dover school expenditures \$197,959 over receipts

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Until the state legislature determines how much money will be distributed to local schools, the Dover school district's 1976 preliminary budget will show a "paper deficit" of \$197,959 in its contingency fund.

Supt. Bill Kinneer, discussing the budget with board members Monday night, said:

"This does not mean we are going to actually be in the red. The preliminary budget is prepared with present state foundation allocation figure — a figure that I feel certain will change."

The budget projects total general fund expenditures of \$3,475,150. General fund receipts are listed at \$3,277,190.

"At this point, this is my guess of what it takes for us to offer a good program, and how much we have," Kinneer said. "I honestly expect the state foundation program to come through with additional money. If it doesn't, we'll just have to spend less," he emphasized.

The proposed 1976 operating fund total is only \$36,096 more than the estimated 1975 total of \$3,439,054.

The state foundation figure for both years is listed at \$893,251. Kinneer said that if additional money is forthcoming this year, as expected, it will increase the 1976 starting balance. The new balance, plus additional state funds in 1976, would eliminate the contingency fund deficit, he predicted.

AT LEAST one board member will not be on hand to administrate next year's budget. Paul Quicksall, completing his first four-year term, reported Monday night he will not seek re-election to the board. Quicksall, who did not give a reason for his decision, also is a representative on the Buckeye Joint Vocational School board.

Shirley Miller, also elected in 1971, said she intended to file for re-election. Isabel Moore, the third member whose term expires, reported she had not made a decision. Mrs. Moore, longtime board member, is the present board president. The board approved several coaching as-

signment changes for the 1975-76 school year. Gary Sterrett, 26, of Sugarcreek was hired as a 6th grade teacher at East School and named assistant high school basketball coach.

Sterrett has been an elementary teacher-principal at Garaway, where he also was assistant basketball coach under Tom Andreas. Andreas was hired as Dover High head varsity basketball head coach in April. Sterrett's coaching stipend will be \$800.

Also named assistant basketball coach at the same stipend was Merle Whitis, who also previously coached at Garaway with Andreas. Susan Armstrong will coach volleyball at \$400.

Robert Wise resigned as 9th grade basketball coach and Stanley Zurowski resigned as varsity assistant baseball coach.

THE BOARD deferred making a decision on changing the 1975-76 school year calendar regarding the observance of Martin Luther King Day, designated by the legislature as the third Monday in January.

The legislature, in setting the state holiday, permits school dismissal for the day and mandates the day as a holiday for non-certified personnel at "premium pay." Kinneer said some schools in the state planned to close for the day, as a holiday, while others were "trading off" for another holiday, to still comply with the required number of school days.

Because of the policy adopted last year to require 18 academic credits for graduation, instead of the previous 17, the board altered its policy on high school promotion. New requirements for promotion are:

From 9th to 10th year, 3½ credits; from 10th to 11th year, 7½ credits, and from 11th to 12th year, 12 academic credits.

FINALIZING agreements with certified and non-certified personnel, as worked out during salary negotiations, the board approved a group term life insurance program with survivor benefit rider. The program will be purchased from Travelers Insurance, represented by Pretorius Agency of Dover. Total monthly premiums on life insurance plus survivor benefits would be \$1593 per month. However, if there are no death claims during the year, Travelers will reimburse the board for 80 per cent of the premium costs. With no death claims, the final cost to the board would be approximately \$4000 per year.

On Quicksall's suggestion, the board discussed methods of presenting additional driver education programs to all students aimed at cutting down on the teenage accident rate.

Referring to a July 3 accident in which two Dover High girls were seriously injured, Quicksall said: "I realize this is not a particular responsibility of the school, but it seems some kind of effort should be made to declare war on this kind of highway tragedy."

Members discussed possible programs, such as assemblies or use of study hall time to promote the message. Mrs. Moore asked, "Why not try it?" and suggested that some "shock tactics" might be needed to impress the students with the possible dangers.

Reporting on the summer buildings improvement program, Kinneer said that new lighting has arrived for 20 high school classrooms and 25 classrooms will be repainted. There will be new blacktopping at South and East schools and a sealer will be put on stadium seating tiers while the seats are removed for the Tornado Club's new seating project.

IN OTHER business, the board:

— **HIRED** Colleen Miller of Dover and Eugene Richard of North Canton as elementary school teachers and Mary Hanner of Dover as music teacher.

— **ACCEPTED** resignations from the teaching staff from Charles Mailat and Kaye Gregg.

— **NAMED** James Fox, a two-year employee, to the newly-created position of school bus supervisor, at a salary position of school bus supervisor.

— **INCREASED** the daily pay rate for substitute teachers from \$23.50 to \$25 for those with degrees and from \$21.50 to \$23 for non-degree substitutes.

— **APPROVED** the current summer school program offering American problems and U.S. history classes, with Joanne Limbach and John Marks as teachers at a rate of \$6 per hour.

— **INCREASED** the hourly rate for home tutor service from \$5.87 to \$6 per hour.

— **NAMED** Cliff Schrader as science department chairman, at a stipend of \$300.