

# Dover board handles varied agenda

Dover board of education discussion Monday night touched on a wide variety of topics — from tax rates and expansion of the biology greenhouse to liquor licenses and the "new" Army.

Supt. Bill Kinneer told board members that the district has received \$30,000 less than anticipated in real estate taxes this year, but that personal property taxes should be higher than expected. He noted that with some additional state foundation money, the district might receive about \$100,000 more than appropriated.

In a related matter, the board approved the tax rates as determined by the county budget commission. Total millage is 26.5. Of that, 24.8 mills are operating and the remainder is bond retirement. Kinneer noted that the operating millage is next to the lowest of any school district in the county.

He pointed out that an additional 2 mills, as approved by the commission, will be sought in the November election. It is the first operating levy sought since December 1970, he added. He explained that while enrollment has declined, inflation has more than offset the decrease in costs because of fewer pupils.

**DON GLENN** of Marr-Knapp-Crawfis Architects-Engineers Inc. of New Philadelphia presented four plans for expansion of the high school biology greenhouse. The plans range in cost \$16,500 to \$40,400.

Kinneer said that the plan which would triple existing space and cost \$27,500 "is the ideal." He added that the expansion program would be "a summer project," allowing for completion

of the industrial arts project and a review of the budget before work begins.

Isabel Moore, a board member, questioned the feasibility of revamping the chemistry and biology departments, instead of just adding to the greenhouse. Glenn said such a plan would be feasible, adding that he would talk with principals and biology and chemistry teachers to determine the needs of each department.

Kinneer pointed out that such a project would require passage of a bond issue, while there is money available for expanding the greenhouse.

**KINNEER**, Don Peters, administrative assistant, and Susan Canfield, guidance counselor, discussed a military educators' tour they took of Ft. Carson, Colo.

Peters commented of the "new" Army: "There is no KP. That's all done by civilian contract. They have eight-hour work days, just like anybody else."

It also was noted that the quarters are "better than the dormitories at Ohio State University."

Board members agreed that they did not wish a hearing before the Ohio Liquor Control Commission on a request of Tornabenes Drive-Thru at 707 Crater av. for a permit for Sunday sales and sale of 3.2 per cent beer.

The board said that Louis Tornabene, the owner, always has been cooperative and closed his business when school activities have been scheduled at Crater Stadium, which is within 500 feet of the business.

Kinneer explained a new telephone system, which is being purchased for the district. Monthly bills for the existing five-line system are \$762, he said. To increase the system to seven lines, he continued, would result in monthly bills of \$892. Installation of the new push button system, which has a capacity for 28 outside and 120 internal lines, would result in monthly bills of \$883. After 10 years, \$269 of that (cost of equipment) would be deducted monthly. He noted that there is no additional charge for the push button phones.

**MEMBERS OF THE Dover High advisory guidance committee** reviewed a guidance report submitted to the board last February.

Tom Kane Jr., committee chairperson, outlined the three recommendations. The first is that a pupil personnel department for the supervision of all special service personnel be established immediately.

The department director would be responsible for the school nurse, psychologist, elementary and secondary counselors, speech and hearing specialists, tutorial handicapped program and the Educable Mentally Retarded program.

The second recommendation was that the secondary schools be reorganized, consolidating grades 7-12 under one principal with assistant principals for grades 7 and 8 as one unit and 9-12 as a second unit. The committee said that such a reorganization would be a move toward a middle school concept, which it feels is needed.

The third suggestion was that the guidance staff be increased with at

least one female counselor in each secondary school unit.

The committee noted that this recommendation has been completely implemented with employment of a woman counselor in the senior high and a guidance secretary in the junior high. In addition, the committee stated that facilities in both the junior and senior highs have been enlarged.

**IN OTHER business the board:**

—**AUTHORIZED** the clerk-treasurer to advertise for bids to replace three school buses, pending state approval.

—**EXTENDED** insurance coverage by Switzer Insurance Agency of Dover for two years, making a total of three years as originally bid.

—**AGREED** to participate in the Cooperative Special Education Programs (regional consultant services through the county board of education) for the 1976-77 school year at a cost of \$118.

—**ACCEPTED** the resignation of Susan Beard as junior high English teacher.

—**EMPLOYED** Susan Yurasko as junior high English teacher and Edward Lorson and Eric Vitt (part-time) as cleaning assistants.

—**APPOINTED** Donna Mitchell as Back the Guys chairperson at \$125 and Kathryn Studer as assistant at \$75.

—**GRANTED** a leave of absence for the balance of the school year to Mary F. Shroyer.

—**ORDERED** salary adjustments for 17 staff members who have completed additional training.

—**OKAYED** the substitute teacher list for the 1976-77 school year.

—**APPROVED** home study for Greg Froman, Toni Dodds and James Black.

—**NAMED** board member Shirley Miller to the senior high principal's curriculum committee for the school year.