

Cuts made as Dover school needs are weighed

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The Dover board of education Monday night awarded contracts to the teaching staff and approved notification to several teachers that their contracts would not be renewed for the 1977-78 school year.

With the board's approval of a change in the driver education program, the contract of Tim Raybuck, driver education instructor and assistant varsity football coach, was not renewed.

Students presently receive text instruction and driving experience during class time. Under the new procedure actual driving will be done after school or on weekends and will be taught by faculty members certified in driver education. They will be paid \$6 per hour or a maximum of \$36 per student.

The new procedure will eliminate one driver education instructor. Raybuck, who is certified to teach only driver education and physical education, has the least seniority in the driver education program.

SUPT. BILL KINNEER recommended the change, noting that in addition to

saving money it also would provide students with more actual driving time, as well as more city and night driving.

"I have no desire to bring about a reduction in the coaching staff, but the driver education teacher is a coach," the superintendent explained. "I have said before that to simply reduce the coaching staff would not constitute any great saving because of the amount paid to coaches."

Before the board unanimously approved Kinneer's recommendation, board member Isabel Moore noted that besides providing a better method of teaching, a change in the program would save the district \$8999.

In addition to Raybuck, contracts for the following were not renewed to cut costs because of declining enrollment or because they were hired to replace teachers on leaves of absence: Joan Goth, Pamela Fouts, Jayne Armstrong, Sherri Hamsher, Susan Hawk, Linda Norris, Lynda Haidnick, Ken Mast, Susan Yurasko and Georgia Duke.

Kinneer noted that there is a possibility some of the teachers may be

needed for the 1977-78 school year, but that until the need is certain they should be notified before April 30 that their contracts are not being renewed.

THE BOARD ALSO awarded continuing contracts to Thomas Andreas, Greta Baker, Ruth Pritchard, Sylvia Russell, Gary Sterrett and Douglas Willoughby and approved reappointment of 55 teachers under continuing contracts and 95 under one-year limited contracts.

A limited contract was approved for Margot Dean, although she is eligible for a continuing contract. Kinneer explained that before a continuing contract is awarded she is to take additional courses in the area of library science and prove to be a successful librarian in the 1977-78 school year.

The board named Nina Allgyer of Gnadenhutten to the teaching staff. She has been employed as a substitute for approximately 70 days, replacing Sandra Hill who is on a leave of absence.

One-year supplemental contracts for extra-curricular assignments were approved for members of the teaching staff. Included were increases of \$200

(from \$600) for Charles May as assistant basketball coach and of \$100 each (from \$350) for Bradley Swinderman and Terry Immel, 7th grade basketball coaches. Also awarded was a supplemental contract for \$100 to Margot Dean as choreographer for the musical for 1977.

AT THE REQUEST of board member Jim Zifer action was tabled on appointments for the administrative staff for the coming school year. Kinneer had recommended that all principals and the elementary coordinator be awarded two-year contracts and the school psychologist and the secondary director of curriculum, one-year contracts.

Kinneer also informed the board that property adjacent to the administration building on 6th st. — the Dover Nursing Center — is for sale at a price of \$60,000. He noted he could not recommend purchase of the property at this time because of the district's financial situation.

The 1977-78 school calendar, as recommended by the Dover Education Assn., was set. Students' first day will be Aug. 31 with the last day June 9. School will be closed Sept. 5, Nov. 24

and 25, Dec. 17 through Jan. 2, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 18-26 and May 29. In addition, Jan. 23 which marks the end of the first semester will be a high school records day. Teachers will have in-service days Aug. 29 and 30 and finish the school year June 10.

IN OTHER business the board:

— **APPROVED** the superintendent's recommendation that the following aides and learning disabilities tutors not be re-employed for the 1977-78 school year because it is not known how many will be needed: Carol Ramsey, Irene Dalpiaz, Kathleen Scherer, Carol Wallace, Frances Moser, Penelope Howell, Nedra Trautman, Doris Waters, Jayne Brown, Kathryn Studer and Alice Minnis, all aides, and Robert Bliksensderfer, Maryruth Loessi, Lois Armstrong, Deborah Schumacher and Beth Edwards, all LBD tutors.

— **ACCEPTED** resignations from regular assignments from Mary Brettell and Wilma Kimble, retirement; Nancy Ploskonka, moving out of state, and Edward Lorson and Rebecca Eichel, other employment, and from extra-curricular assignments from Rebecca Eichel, Patricia Sattler, Ruth Johnston, Robert Wise, Jeffrey Eklund,

Gene Richard and Mark Stackowicz.

— **OKAYED** home study for Crystal York, 10th grade, and Todd Swinderman, 7th grade.

— **ADOPTED** policies and procedures relating to handicapped children in the Dover school district.

— **SIGNED** a contract to provide Dover schools with instructional television service for the 1977-78 school year at \$775 or 25 cents per student.

— **NAMED** the following to the substitute teacher list for the remainder of the current school year: Eddie Van Vickie, Nina Allgyer, Beth Knisely, John Alpeter, Carol Huston and Margaret Jones.

— **RECEIVED** and granted a request for a one-year maternity leave of absence for Dixie Heck.

— **GRANTED** use of the high school auditorium to Floyd May, speech and drama instructor, for the 1977 summer musical program.

— **APPROVED** professional leave requests from 13 staff members for a total of \$1135 and from nine at no cost.

— **RECESSED** until April 28 at 7:30 p.m.