

Citizens question Dover reorganization

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Members of the Committee of Concerned Parents Thursday night raised numerous questions concerning the reorganization of Dover's elementary schools in a letter to board of education members.

On April 19 the board unanimously approved the restructuring of Dover's elementaries into three primary schools for grades kindergarten through 4 and one intermediate school for grades 5 and 6.

The committee presented an alternate proposal at that meeting, but was told it was very similar to one already studied by the board.

In its letter the group asked: "How

many board members individually came up with their own reorganization plan? The committee came up with its own plan only to be told by board members that it was two plans combined already presented by the administration. That shows that none of you five board members looked at or were willing to view our plan.

"Excuses given were, 'Well, there will still be only one class per grade in some schools.' Give us, the people in this area, one good excuse why that is so objectionable. If there happens to be a problem child in a classroom, what should make us think that child can get along with another teacher? Perhaps, if that child is such a problem, he or she would belong in a special class apart from the regular classroom."

THE COMMITTEE asked for an estimate on the total cost of the reorganization; future plans for Park Elementary, which will house grades 5 and 6 in September, should there be a large decline in enrollment in the next few years; how the educational structure, textbooks and teachers will change at Park, and why board members did not accompany a group of parents and school personnel who traveled to Tallmadge April 14 to learn about the reorganization of the elementary system in that city.

In addition, the letter stated: "A few months ago our superintendent had thoughts of next year shutting the schools down for a five-week period because of the energy crisis. Do we now have an abundance of fuel? Our Presi-

dent has advised we curtail our gasoline usage by 1985. You just approved a plan to use more gasoline!"

There was no discussion of the letter at the recessed session. Donna Dunlap, committee chairman, suggested that board members take the letters home to study them.

THE BOARD made the following two-year appointments to the administrative staff: Glen Groh, Dover Avenue principal; Daryl Badertscher, East principal; Don Marshall, Park principal; Wayne Reese, South principal; Donna Moore, elementary coordinator; Charles Wilson, junior high principal; Edward Moeller, junior high assistant; Robert Schrock, senior high principal, and Lawrence Baker, senior high assistant.

Howard Denison, psychologist, and Paul Koval, director of curriculum and instructor, were awarded one-year contracts.

Cynthia McInnes was granted a leave of absence for the coming school year to complete work on her masters degree in library science. The board appointed Linda Norris, who was not rehired at last week's meeting, to the staff to replace McInnes.

Moore and Reese presented three elementary science texts to the board for review. A presentation of the one recommended for adoption will be made at the regular May board meeting. A committee of teachers and parents have studied a number of science textbooks and will make the recommendation.