

Dover board acts to conform with Sunshine Law

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A lengthy and varied agenda kept members of the Dover board of education in session until nearly midnight Monday as topics such as the Sunshine Law, busing, the high school dress code and extra-curricular assignments were covered.

The board, which was criticized last week at a Concerned Parents Group meeting for possible violations of the Sunshine Law, revised its policy to include specifications of the law. The board previously resolved to abide by the law, but rules were not spelled out in the policy.

Revisions include what type of notice of meetings will be made, how it shall be made, what may be discussed in executive session and when such a session may be held. It also gives procedures for obtaining notification of meetings and copies of meeting agendas.

THE BOARD adopted tentative school hours for the 1977-78 school year. They are 7:50 a.m. to 2:51 p.m., grades 7-12; 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., grades 5-6, and 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., grades K-4.

The new hours provide a shorter day for primary students, while the other grade levels remain about the same. It was noted there will be no early Wednesday afternoon dismissal in the elementaries under these hours.

Tentative bus routes for the coming school year also were adopted. Don Peters, administrative assistant, explained that in most areas separate buses for primary and intermediate students will be run. He noted that tentative plans call for about five buses which will have a mixture of the elementary students because of a low number living in outlying areas, adding that some of these students will be transferred to another bus to be taken to their individual schools.

SOCIAL STUDIES instructors reviewed results of the American College Test (ACT) scores in that field. Tom Henry, department chairman, pointed out that a graph included in material sent to parents last fall and showing that social studies results were below those in other areas, did not reflect accurately the students' work.

He presented statistics indicating that the Dover scores were above the state average.

— When asked by board members to explain why ACT scores in social studies have been declining in the last few years, Henry said, "This is a reading test. In the classroom we're not measuring students on just their reading ability as the ACT does."

It also was pointed out that trade and technical schools, not just colleges and universities, now are requiring participation in the ACT as an admission pre-requisite. The result, instructors explained, is that students other than those who plan to attend college are now taking the test.

Additional information, as well as results of achievement tests, will be made available for the board's study.

FOLLOWING A lengthy discussion, including comments from parents attending the meeting, on a proposed 1977-78 dress code, the matter was tabled until a June 29 recessed meeting.

Major areas of concern were shorts, tube tops and beards and

mustaches. Of the nine parents attending, only one was in favor of permitting students — elementary and secondary — to wear shorts in the classroom.

Two board members — Shirley Miller and Ed West — said they personally saw nothing wrong with students wearing "decent" shorts.

The dress code recommendation under consideration was prepared by a review board comprised of two instructors, six students, five parents and Mrs. Miller. It made no reference to shorts and none to beards and mustaches, although it was the consensus of the group, according to Mrs. Miller, that "mustaches will be permitted, beards will not be permitted" would be a workable compromise.

Additional recommendations are to be made by high school personnel before the June 29 meeting, although it was pointed out, both by board members and Supt. Bill Kinneer, that should a parent object to strict dress rules and take the matter to court, the board probably would lose. One board member remarked: "I don't think we would have a leg to stand on legally."

THE BOARD approved stipends for extra-curricular duties by certified personnel. Included was the establishment of two assistant athletic directors and an assistant ticket director. Larry Baker, assistant high school principal, will continue to serve as athletic director and assume duties of ticket manager for no stipend. Assistant athletic directors will be John Marks and Stan Zurowski at \$450 each, while Donna Mitchell will serve as assistant ticket director for \$250. Her stipend as adviser for the Back the Guys Club was increased to \$125.

The football coaching staff, with the exception of head coach Tom Redman, also received increased stipends. Redman recommended the increases. They are Howard Lorson, James Meese, Tom Armstrong and John Marks, varsity assistants, from \$465 to \$600; David Contini and Tom Daniels, freshmen, from \$365 to \$500, Doug Strickmaker and Terry Corder, junior high, from \$350 to \$450. Redman's stipend remains the same at \$1200.

It was pointed out that there will be fewer coaches for the coming year and that with the increases stipends for the football program

will total \$5500, while they totaled \$5890 for the last season.

Other increases went to Gary Sterrett, assistant basketball, from \$800 to \$1000; Tom Henry, assistant cross country, \$250 to \$350; Stephen Lenarz, assistant junior high track, from \$300 to \$350; Judith Vashbinder, girls track, \$600 to \$700; Beryl Scharein, reserve girls track, from \$350 to \$500; Sandy Archinal, 7th and 8th grade girls track, from \$300 to \$350; Clifford Schrader, girls tennis, from \$250 to \$350; James Nixon, junior class chairman, from \$125 to \$200, and Jeff Eklund, assistant, from \$75 to \$125; Bruce Snyder, senior high student council adviser, from \$100 to \$200; Patricia Petricola and Martha Thomas, co-advisers for future medical, from \$75 to \$100.

IN ADDITION, stipends for the following were increased, although no one has been appointed to the positions: junior high intramural basketball, from \$100 to \$150; girls basketball, from \$600 to \$700; junior high girls track, from \$250 to \$350.

The following were appointed to positions for which stipends were not increased: Richard Tidrick, head junior high boys track; Brad Swinderman, boys tennis; Linda Norris, junior high drama.

Resigning from extra-curricular duties were Lois Miller, varsity girls track; Richard Staley, varsity football and junior high track; Clifford Schrader, boys tennis.

The board also approved appointment of non-certified personnel — secretaries and clerical staff, custodians and maintenance staff, cafeteria workers and bus drivers — for the 1977-78 school year.

Although the board has agreed to a 4 1/4 per cent increase for the non-certified staff, negotiations with the Dover chapter of the Ohio Assn. of Public School Employees have not been finalized and a new salary schedule will not be available until negotiations successfully have been completed.

IN OTHER business the board:

— **DECLARED** transportation of Indian Hills Christian School students in the Dover district impractical because of the few students being transported. Parents will be paid transportation costs — determined and reimbursed by the state — in lieu of busing.

— **AGREED** it had no objection to George LeMay's wish to vacate a portion of E. 10th st. (Evergreen dr.) which is adjacent to his property.

— **HEARD** a brief report by Don Marshall, Park principal, and Donna Moore, elementary coordinator, on elementary report cards for the coming school year. Any action and further discussion was tabled until June 29.

— **DISCUSSED** the high school paper, Oasis, with adviser David Contini. Topics included the changing role of the high school publication and typographical, spelling and grammatical errors.

— **ACCEPTED** resignations from certified staff members Tom Conwell, who is retiring, and Nina Allgyer, who has accepted a position outside the district.

— **AWARDED** a contract for student accident insurance for the 1977-78 school year to Personal Service Insurance Co. of Columbus as recommended by the Dover High athletic council.

— **ENTERED** into an owner-architect agreement with Marr, Knapp & Crawfis Architects-Engineers Inc. of New Philadelphia. The firm will receive no retainer, but will be paid only for work performed.

— **APPOINTED** Ken Mast of Sugarcreek to the certified staff for the 1977-78 school year.

— **APPROVED** use of a school bus and playgrounds by the Dover Recreation Department for the summer recreation program with the department to reimburse the school for costs; use of a bus for transportation of summer school students to Buckeye Joint Vocational School if a minimum of 15 request the service, and use of a bus to transport students to the Ohio Special Olympics meet June 24-26.

— **ISSUED** contracts for extended service to Russ McGlothlin, special education coordinator, for June 13-24 at \$698 and for two weeks before and two weeks after school during the 1977-78 year at \$1395.

— **RE-APPOINTED** Kinneer to the Dover Library board of trustees for a seven-year term.

— **GRANTED** home study to Tonya Tunstall, 7th grade.

— **NAMED** Millicent Sayre to the substitute bus driver list.

— **ADOPTED** the following textbooks for the 1977-78 school year: Practical Algebra from Houghton Mifflin Co. at a total cost of \$648, and The World of English (10th grade) from McGraw-Hill Book Co. at \$1386.

— **ACCEPTED** a recommendation by the 1978 senior class that Troup and Pluto Studio be the official photographer for Dover High during the coming school year.

— **OKAYED** professional meeting requests from 21 staff members at a cost of \$1206 and from two at no cost to the board.