

# Shorts stymie dress code action

After devoting nearly half their meeting to discussing dress codes, Dover board of education members were unable to agree on one Wednesday night.

The major point of disagreement was whether high school students, both boys and girls, should be permitted to wear shorts to class.

The subject had been tabled at the last regular session when board members asked for options to a code recommended by a review board. During discussion it was evident that on the issue of shorts the board was split with two members having no objection and three being opposed to the practice.

After additional discussion Wednesday night, Ed West moved to adopt a code which by omission (no statement of permission or prohibition) would permit beards and mustaches and which specifically stated shorts would be permitted.

**ALTHOUGH** Isabel Moore asked if the board would consider deleting the word "shorts" from the code (thus permitting them by omission), the motion was not changed. West and Shirley Miller voted for it, Moore and Jim Zifer against it. The fifth member, LaVerne King who indicated at the last meeting that he is opposed to shorts in the classroom, was absent.

The board decided to again consider the matter when all members are present. However, West said he would be unable to attend the next regular meeting, July 11, while King, during a phone call, said he had a conflict July 18, a

suggested alternative meeting date.

Until some board action is taken, the dress code for the 1976-77 school year will remain in effect. It prohibits beards and mustaches, but allows shorts.

The board unanimously accepted a one-year contract negotiated with the Dover chapter of the Ohio Assn. of Public School Employees. Among items spelled out in the contract are seniority rights and grievance procedures. The contract also includes a 4¼ per cent pay increase.

## **NEW SALARY** schedules are:

Cafeteria employees — Cafeteria worker, \$2.53 to \$3.13 per hour;

elementary cook-assistant manager (seven-hour day), \$2.73 to \$3.78; elementary cook-assistant manager (eight-hour day), \$2.85 to \$3.90; high school cook-assistant manager (seven-hour day), \$2.79 to \$3.84; high school cook-manager (eight-hour day), \$3.03 to \$4.08, all zero to 15 years of experience.

Custodians — Cleaning assistant, \$5533 to \$6864 per year; custodian I, \$8112 to \$9942; custodian-maintenance, \$8778 to \$10,941; engineer-mechanic-maintenance, \$9256 to \$12,251, all zero to 15 years.

Educational aides — Library technician I, \$7256 to \$10,735 per year, from zero to 10 years; library technician II, \$4718 to \$6728, zero to five years; library aide I, \$2.80 to \$3.45 per hour, zero to five years; library aide II, \$2.62 to \$2.83, zero to three years; student monitor, \$2.62 to 2.83, zero to three years; classroom aides, \$2.52 to \$2.89 per hour, depending on educational background and years of experience; classroom assistant, \$5392 to \$6956, zero to five years.

**SECRETARIES** — Class IV, \$5460 to \$7235 per year; Class III, \$5714 to \$7625; Class II, \$6104 to \$8385; Class I, \$6689 to \$9146, all zero to 15 years.

Bus drivers — \$4.22 to \$5.20 per hour, zero to 15 years.

Although no formal action was required, board members accepted recommendations on changes in grading — procedures for 5th and 6th grade classes.

Instead of following a complete non-graded system, letter grades will be given at both 5th and 6th grade levels in mathematics, English, spelling and band. In addition, letter grades will be made in 6th grade levels of social studies and science.

Grading procedures are being changed in an attempt to make the transition from the non-graded elementary levels to the graded junior and senior high levels easier for students.

The board also accepted resignations from English teacher Ruth Johnston, who is retiring, and elementary instructor Gary Sterrett, who has accepted another position.

A public hearing will be held July 11 at 7:30, prior to the board's regular session, for review and adoption of the proposed 1978 budget, which shows a projected deficit of \$551,000.