

Curriculum, school opening discussed by Dover board

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Much discussion at the Dover board of education meeting Monday night dealt with the opening of schools and curriculum.

Supt. Bill Kinner reported that class size in the elementaries is fairly small with two classes having only 19 students. He noted that the three split classes (two grades in one classroom with the same teacher) appear to be working well, although he did recommend (and the board later approved) the hiring of an aide at South Elementary to help in the split class.

He explained that alternatives to the split classes were having very small classes, which would require hiring an additional instructor, and transporting students to another elementary.

The superintendent recommended, and the board agreed, that before any changes are considered the split classes be allowed to continue under close observation to determine if they will work.

Because of high kindergarten enrollment at East Elementary (33 in the morning and 32 in the afternoon,) Kinner also recommended that an aide be hired to assist there.

DON PETERS, administrative assistant, reported on busing, noting that three double bus routes (same bus making two trips) to the high school last year have been eliminated. He also said adjustments have been made to balance the number of students per bus.

He noted that 15 vehicles are involved in the district's busing schedule, which the board approved.

Kinner briefed board members on his position on busing Indian Hills Christian School high school students. He noted that there have been no requests for the transportation, but added that students probably would be bused if such a request were received because there would be no additional cost to the district, particularly since Indian Hills elementary students are being bused.

The church school has challenged a decision of the New Philadelphia board of education not to transport high school students because the high school is not certified by the state department of education. The matter is pending in common pleas court.

John Marks, Thomas Henry and Joanne Limbach, social studies instructors, presented the board a curriculum guide prepared by members of the department during the summer.

The guide lists instructors' and class objectives, available teaching resources, activities used in teaching, etc. Henry noted that the school librarian is preparing a bibliography of materials available in the field. It is to be included in the guide when completed.

DISCUSSION ON the social studies curriculum dealt mainly with the areas of black history, city and county government operations and seminar classes.

Charles Wilson, junior high principal, reported to the board that a study of the junior high English curriculum has begun. He said it probably will take the entire year to complete the study.

The board approved a request that

the high school music fund be separated into two funds. They will be the choir fund and the high school music fund. The latter will include the bands and the orchestra. A transfer of \$1104 is to be made from the music fund into the choir fund. The separation of funds was agreeable to both Walter Heck, chairman of the proposed choir fund, and Fred Delphia, music department chairman.

Mrs. Gary Lahmers of rear 2105 N. Wooster av. requested that the board pass a resolution giving her permission to block a lane, running from N. Wooster av. to Park Elementary and owned jointly by the school and the Lahmers, because of heavy traffic. Board members noted there are two accesses to the school and that the lane is not needed for that purpose at this time.

IN OTHER business the board:

—**ACCEPTED** resignations from Steven Miller, business education teacher; Carol Schaar, learning disabilities tutor; Stuart Ferbrache, 7th grade basketball coach; Linda Eaton, Y-Teens co-adviser; Beryl Scharein, girls' junior high intramural basketball; Robert Javens, high school custodian.

—**APPROVED** salary adjustments for 31 staff members who have completed additional training and changes in contract status of two speech therapists.

—**AWARDED** contracts to Lynda Haidnick of Dover, business education department; Sherri Hamsher of Sugar-creek, assisting Walter Heck, vocal music instructor; Pamela Foutz of Gnadenhütten, Learning Disabilities tutor and education aide at Dover Avenue elementary.

HIBED Robert McCaslin, Eric Vitt and Katherine Palasky, bus drivers, and Austin Leggett, substitute; Doris Waters, library aide; Francis Moser, education aide at East Elementary kindergarten; Sandra Fisher, secretary at Park Elementary; Deborah Brink, receptionist; Angeline Festi and Doris Amicone, kitchen helpers; Betty Youngen, Viola Tesch, Sandra Daley, Joanne Rondinella, Susan Renner, Annabell Loos and Mary Margletta, substitute cafeteria workers; Mrs. Penelope Howell and Mrs. Nedra Trautman, education aides at Park Elementary; Joan Goth, educational aide, South Elementary.

—**APPOINTED** the following extra-curricular duties with stipends: Thomas Henry, social studies department chairperson, \$300; Heck, vocal music, \$600; Gene Richards, 7th grade basketball coach, \$350; Sandy Archinal, Y-Teens adviser, \$50; Mike Rabes, English department junior high sub-chairman, \$300; Timothy McCluney, equipment manager, \$1000; Lynda Haidnick, girls' junior high intramural basketball, \$100; Linda Norris, junior high drama, \$250.

—**NAMED** Dr. Keith Van Epps, assisted by Dr. Don Braden, as team doctor.

—**APPROVED** a request that the Thespians be permitted to present matinee performances on the following Sundays: Oct. 24; Nov. 7; Dec. 5; Jan. 16; Feb. 13; March 13 and May 8.

—**RESOLVED** to correct the salaries of 10-month secretaries as they applied to the number of paid holidays. The secretaries were shorted three paid holidays last year when Ohio law was changed and are to be paid lump sums.