

Kinneer: Dover schools need more money in '78

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Without additional money, it will be impossible to keep the Dover schools open throughout 1978, Supt. Bill Kinneer told board of education members Monday night.

Using figures computed for the 1978 budget, the superintendent said fixed charges (salaries, insurance, retirement, etc.) total nearly \$3.4 million or 84 percent of the budget. He added that estimates for other costs over which the board has no control (utilities, transportation and tuition for special students, etc.) are \$233,000 or another 5.7 percent. Totalled, those charges represent about 90 percent of the budget and more than the district's anticipated receipts for

the year, he explained.

Kinneer noted that Peoples National Bank & Trust Co. of Dover has offered interest-free loans to district employees in the amounts of their Dec. 23 paychecks. Because of the district's financial problems, employees will not receive their last check of the year until January. The loans will be for a period of about two weeks or until the checks are issued in January, at which time the loans must be repaid.

DURING DISCUSSION of the defeat of a 5.5-mill additional operating levy, Kinneer pointed out that of the approximately \$60 million taken in through the state lottery each year only about one-third or \$20

million goes to finance elementary and secondary schools. He said that if that amount was divided among all the students in the state, each would receive \$9.23, not enough "to even buy a math book."

"I have always been under the assumption that most people in the Dover city school district wanted more than a minimum educational program," Kinneer said in reference to a Reader's Viewpoint, published in The Times-Reporter Nov. 14. In the letter Jerry Marsh of Dover suggested residents demand economizing in the schools and a reduction of programs to state requirements.

KINNEER POINTED out that the

cost difference between a minimum (state requirements) program and the present program is about 3 mills or \$22 a year or 40 cents per week — "less than the cost of a package of cigarettes, less than a gallon of gasoline, less than a Big Mac — far from a Rolls Royce comparison.

He also noted that there has been a reduction in the district: "We have 16½ fewer teachers this year than last. That is a pretty good reduction."

In response to a request from the high school science department, the board scheduled an informal session with a committee of science teachers for Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. It is expected that

scientific creationism will be discussed.

IN OTHER business the board: —**ACCEPTED** the resignation of Stephen D. Lenarz as junior high assistant track coach.

—**OKAYED** the appointments of the following to extra-curricular positions: Jayne Armstrong, junior high cheerleader adviser; Barbara Haines, vocal music director for the spring musical; Charles May, reserve basketball coach; David Fullerman, photographer for the 1977 football games; Lenarz, assistant varisty track coach, and Tom Henry, head track coach.

—**HIRED** Jeannette Chapman of

Dover as a learning and behavioral disabilities tutor at East Elementary.

—**AGREED** to participate in a student placement service through Buckeye Joint Vocational School at a cost of \$1.25 per student or \$254.

—**APPOINTED** Eulalee Barcus to replace Walter Pretorius on the Dover Public Library board as a trustee.

—**APPROVED** the attendance of 17 staff members at 10 meetings at a cost of \$726 to the board.

—**RECESSED** until Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. when the board will adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel.