

Band trip approved

Dover schools will be open Presidents' Day

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Classes in the Dover schools will be held as usual next Monday, Presidents' Day, although it originally was scheduled as a holiday, the Board of Education decided Monday night.

The action was taken on the recommendation of Superintendent Bill Kinneer "to serve as a cushion" should schools be forced to close because of bad weather.

Ohio schools by law must be in session 175 days. In Dover school was scheduled for 180 days this year, but six days already have been missed because of bad weather. One, however, was made up last month.

If the schools are not forced to close for additional days, the extra class day will be made up by ending classes for the summer a day earlier, on June 8 instead of June 9.

Ed Wallace, president of the Dover Education Assn., told board members that the majority of teachers were not in favor of canceling the holiday, because many had plans.

Kinneer pointed out he made the recommendation because it is not certain that legislation will be passed permitting less than 175 school days this year and because he felt making up days during spring vacation would be inconvenient to more people. He added that if legislation cutting the number of school days is passed, the Presidents' Day holiday will be made up by ending the school year a day early.

THE BOARD also granted permission for the high school band to participate in the Tulip Time Festival at Holland, Mich., May 18-21. Frederick Delphia, band director, explained the trip would include educational tours of Greenfield Village and the Ford Museum at Dearborn and the Kellogg plant at Battle Creek.

Larry Davidson, band booster president, explained all expenses for the trip — transportation, meals, lodging and any tours — would be paid for by the boosters' organization.

The board voted to advertise for bids for two buses to replace a nine-year-old model with 101,200 miles and a 10-year-old model with 96,700 miles. Kinneer pointed out that if the emergency 7.07-mill levy does not pass April 11, the district cannot afford to purchase the buses. He added that should the levy pass, however, the bids could be accepted and delivery might be made by September.

IN OTHER business the board:

—APPOINTED Rev. Al Irby of St. John's United Church of Christ to the committee for religious concerns.

—GRANTED maternity leaves for the 1978-79 school year to Carol Huprich and Elizabeth Robinson.

—AMENDED a resolution from the Jan. 3 meeting authorizing Clerk Norma Hardwidge to borrow up to \$600,000 instead of \$400,000 needed for current expenses because there has been no collection of second half 1977 real estate taxes.

—APPROVED attendance of 10 staff members to a professional meeting at a cost of \$1012.