

Dover board opts for November levy

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There'll be no levy request in October — although plans were made to place one on the ballot in November — and no shorts in the high school. Those were the major decisions made Monday night by the Dover board of education.

The main reason the board met Monday was to decide whether to place a 5.5-mill additional operating levy before voters in a special election Oct. 4.

Ed West opened discussion by stating: "With an estimated cost of \$6100 (provided by the board of elections) for the special election, I personally feel we should go in November at the normal cost (about \$900). If the levy is defeated, then I feel we can justify the additional expense (of a special election in December)."

The other three board members at the session — Shirley Miller, Jim Zifer and Isabel Moore — agreed unanimously with West and authorized Supt. Bill Kinneer to hire the Cleveland law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey to prepare the necessary papers to place the issue on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Revenue from the levy is needed to meet a projected \$551,030 deficit in 1978. The levy would run for an indefinite period and would be collected beginning in calendar year 1978.

ACCORDING TO Donald Kinsey, county auditor, the 5.5 mills would represent an increase in taxes of about \$52 a year for owners of homes valued at \$30,000 and about \$35 for those with homes valued at \$20,000.

During discussion from the floor, Donna Dunlap asked for an explanation of the projected deficit. Kinneer said that about \$200,000 represents a 5 per cent salary increase and other benefits (Blue Cross, etc.) for personnel; \$100,000, bus purchase, roof and other major repairs, etc., and \$200,000, operating expenses paid this year with the carry-over balance from 1976.

He noted that the balance at the end of this year will be only about \$20,000, unless that money is needed

for fuel bills. The district's balance last year was \$211,735.

The superintendent also explained that the reduction in staff (12 teachers) offset the 4¼ per cent salary increase granted to all district employees earlier this year.

THE BOARD adopted a dress code for the coming school year. The only revision was an addition that students will not be permitted to wear shorts in school. Beards and mustaches also are not permitted.

The code had been the topic of dissention among board members at two previous meetings with shorts being the major issue.

Zifer made the motion that "beards, mustaches and shorts must go" and was seconded by Moore. Before the unanimous vote, Miller, who is board president, commented: "I think you're doing the committee that worked on this (made recommendations) an injustice. Parents and students served on the committee and they spent a lot of time."

(The committee's recommendation made no mention of

beards, mustaches or shorts and, as such, permitted all three.)

West also commented: "The inference is that skirts (which are permitted if they are 'decent and in good taste') and slacks (which are permitted if they are not 'extremely tight-fitting') are decent and that shorts are indecent."

Miller and West have taken the stand that shorts should be permitted, while Zifer and Moore have been against students wearing them. The fifth board member, LaVerne King, indicated at a previous meeting that he is opposed to shorts being worn by students.

A student attending the session told board members she felt students could get an education in shorts or skirts. "If we were all naked we still could get educations," she noted. She added that some girls wear skirts which "show more than shorts do."

Board members also discussed possible formation of a citizens' council to work with the board. Moore recommended that it be comprised of residents representing

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all cross-sections — economic, religious, racial — of the district and include people who do not have children in the schools.

The matter was tabled and is to be discussed at the next regular meeting, scheduled for Aug. 15 instead of the regular meeting date, Aug. 8.

IN OTHER business the board:

—**GRANTED** a one-year leave of absence to Carol Huprich, business department, for home responsibilities.

—**APPOINTED** Lynda Haidnick, business, and Jayne Armstrong, education, to the teaching staff.

—**ACCEPTED** resignations from James Meese as assistant varsity track coach and Pamela Sherbinsky as elementary teacher and assigned the following for extra-curricular duties: Barbara Pritchard, junior high girls' track; Robert Tolotti, industrial arts chairperson, and Linda Eaton, junior high newspaper.

—**NAMED** Elizabeth Humphries as a learning and behavioral disabilities tutor in the junior high.