

Dover schools propose levy

By SANDY STEWART

The Dover board of education Tuesday night, as expected, adopted a resolution to place a 5.5-mill additional operating levy before district voters Nov. 8.

Anticipated income from the levy, about \$500,000, is needed to offset a projected deficit of \$551,030 in 1978.

Earlier in the day Supt. Bill Kinneer and board member Isabel Moore met with the county budget commission for a hearing on the proposed 1978 budget.

After hearing a detailed explanation of the district's finances from Kinneer, commission members agreed the presentation showed more than adequately that the board is justified in requesting the levy based on the district's needs for 1978.

Donald Kinsey, county auditor and a commission member, told Kinneer and Moore that this is an "update" year when property values are increased to market value. This means the district will receive some additional funds in local tax money on inside (non-voted) millage, although outside (voted) millage will be reduced proportionately to the increase in valuation.

HE HAD SOME "bad" news, too. Kinsey said that total personal

property values in the county have decreased considerably. He gave several examples which indicated the few increases in value would not offset the decreases.

Kinneer told board members that in light of the decreased values his estimate of the amount of local tax money the district will receive in 1978 probably is high.

Board member Ed West commented that the board must find a way to explain the district's financial needs to the public, particularly in light of the levy request. "It's tough enough for us to understand this, let alone the public which is not familiar with it (school budgeting, tax bases, state requirements, etc.)."

During discussion of the levy, Moore said she wanted to go on record as being opposed to offering "mediocre courses" in the fall of 1978 in order to cut costs and keep the schools open. "If it comes to that (closing schools), I think we should offer first-class courses and instruction rather than mediocre courses just to stay open."

Kinneer told the budget commission and board members that the anticipated 1977 year-end balance of \$24,160 probably would be used by

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December for fuel bills. He pointed out that \$45,000 had been budgeted this year for heating and that the fund already is \$2519 in the red.

THIS PROMPTED Moore to suggest the board contact East Ohio Gas Co. and ask for some consideration because board member LaVerne King, an East Ohio management employe, has been unable to attend board sessions since employes went on strike about two months ago.

Moore also raised three other items for board discussion. The first was formation of an advisory council, and the board voted to form such a group, as requested and suggested by members of the Committee of Concerned Parents. Guidelines, etc. are to be discussed at a meeting of all board members.

Moore said she had received complaints from two parents whose children were told they could not take 8th grade German, because it was not being offered.

She continued that she then talked with the instructor, who said 10 students were interested in the course. Robert Schrock, high school principal, and Paul Koval, director of curriculum, are to look into the matter and see if a class can be scheduled if enough students are interested.

Schrock also is to check with Dennis Traver, city solicitor, on legal aspects of senior high boys' physical education classes going to a city-owned field near the 4th st. overpass and Depot st. The principal pointed out that because the high school encompasses only four and a half acres, there are not adequate facilities for outdoor physical education classes and instructors have been taking classes to the city lot.

IN OTHER business the board:

—**EMPLOYED** Beverly Speery to assist with vocal music for five hours

a week; Deborah Schumacher, elementary learning and behavioral disabilities tutor; Georgia Duke, junior high English; Melissa Jo Police, French and Spanish; Mark Mitchell, art for two periods a day; Maryruth Loessi Class, junior high LB tutor; John DeVore, equipment manager at \$1000 from Aug. 1 through Nov. 30; Austin Leggett and Wayne Bissell, bus drivers.

—**MADE** the following extra-curricular assignments; Thomas Andreas, assistant ticket director; Lynda Haidnick, junior high girls' basketball and girl's volleyball head; Georgia Duke, junior high cheerleaders; Barbara Pritchard, girls' basketball head coach.

—**ACCEPTED** resignations of Josephine S. Gersdorff and Donna Mitchell.

—**APPROVED** awarding diplomas to Ronnie Lee Harmon, Debra Lynn Kaufman, Ricky A. Lahm and Patrick Gaylord Nichols as August graduates.

—**ENTERED** into a lease agreement (at no cost) with the Ohio Department of Education for use of the driver education simulator and contracted for service on the simulator with Education Electronic Equipment of Mount Clemens, Mich., at \$825.

—**ADOPTED** the free and reduced price lunch policy and job descriptions and revised salary schedules for educational aides, receptionist, attendance clerk and clerk accountant.

—**GRANTED** a request from Rea Taiclet, Times-Reporter sports editor, for use of Crater Stadium for a charity fund drive July 28, 1978, (rain date July 29).

—**AWARDED** contracts to Goshen Dairy to supply milk to the system and to Dover Pit Stop and to Dover Exxon to supply gasoline.