

Dec. 23 pay may be delayed for Dover teachers

By SANDY STEWART

Financial problems became a hard reality Monday night for the Dover school district when Supt. Bill Kinneer told board members that actual receipts for the current year are more than \$130,000 below estimates.

The result, according to the superintendent, will be no purchases of materials, equipment, supplies, etc. until January unless absolutely necessary. He added that all other requests for funds, including those for professional meetings, will be studied carefully.

Kinneer explained that because of the financial situation teachers probably will not get their Dec. 23 paychecks until January. (During negotiations earlier this year, teachers agreed to the delay of that

December check if the financial situation warranted it.)

This year the district is receiving \$7000 less in real property taxes, \$48,000 less in personal property taxes and \$75,000 less in state foundation money than estimated, according to figures presented by Kinneer. He said the estimates were based on actual receipts for 1976.

Based on the estimates, the district was expected to end the year with a \$24,000 balance (barring additional heating bills, etc.).

A BRIGHT spot for board members, however, were reports on the reorganization of the district's elementary schools.

Daryl Badertscher, Glen Groh and Wayne Reese, principals at East, Dover Avenue and South schools, respectively, agreed that there have been no major problems with 1st through 4th graders in their buildings

and that the youngsters appeared to adapt to the new system with little trouble. All said they felt the transition had gone smoothly.

Badertscher, pointing out that 4th graders are gaining valuable experience by being the oldest students in the three buildings, said a 4th grader who was working in the school cafeteria walked up to him and said: "You've got to watch out for these little kids. They'll just run right over you."

Donna Moore, elementary coordinator, reported there have been no problems with 5th and 6th graders at Park school where Don Marshall, who was not at the meeting, is principal.

Don Peters, administrative assistant, gave an update on the complete change in the busing system, necessitated by the reorganization.

He explained the same number of buses that were used last year are on the road this year, carrying additional students and traveling more miles. He said the new routes have increased drivers' time by 55 minutes a day. He pointed out this is total increased time for all drivers, not for each driver.

PETERS SAID he does not yet have comparisons on the number of students bused or total mileage, but will present that information to the board as soon as it is compiled.

Peters noted, however, that the number of youngsters transported and the number of miles traveled by drivers also has increased the state subsidy for busing. He said the additional funds should cover increased costs of driver time and mileage.

Sandy Korn, PTA council president, explained the council will

give the board \$100 for advertising for the 5.5-mill additional operating levy to be placed before voters Nov. 8.

A report from the advisory committee on religious concerns will be discussed at the next meeting. The report had been submitted for discussion Monday night, but no committee members were present.

The board did, however, accept the committee's recommendation that the following be appointed to the group: C.L. Strimel, Lee Bierie, Luther Cato and William Geib.

Following the scheduled business, board members and others attending the meeting informally discussed plans to promote the levy.

IN OTHER business the board:

—AGREED to rent the high school auditorium to the Tuscarawas County Philharmonic Orchestra at

cost for the organization's four concerts this year.

—ACCEPTED the resignation of Georgia Duke as junior high cheerleader-adviser.

—NAMED Drs. Keith Van Epps, Donald R. Braden and Paul McFadden as team physicians for the school year.

—APPROVED a five-year agreement with the city for use and maintenance of playground equipment.

—RENTED the high school gymnasium to the Eastern District Athletic Board for the Class A boys basketball sectional Feb. 20-25 and the Class AAA girls basketball sectional Feb. 25-March 4.

—GRANTED requests for 9 staff members to attend 11 professional meetings at a cost of \$405.