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ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF BOARDS OF DIRECTORS
of
DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
and
HEARTLAND AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Monday, May 3, 1982
Des Moines Area Community College
Building 1
2006 South Ankeny Boulevard
Ankeny, Iowa
5:30 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of June 10, 1981
3. Redistricting of Director Districts - Dr. Ron McClurg
4. Progress Report on Joint Project STRIVE
(Selected Training Received In Vocational Education - Mr. Dennis Hiner and Mr. Ed O'Leary)
5. Des Moines Area Community College Reorganization and Area Economic Development - Dr. Joe Borgen
6. Setting Date for Annual Meeting for 1982-83
7. Other Issues
8. Adjourn

Dinner
6:30 P.M.

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Des Moines Area Community College Board President Eldon Leonard called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The annual meeting is held in accordance with State law.

Board members present from DMACC included: DeVere Bendixen, Raymond Clark, Eldon Leonard, Theodore Nemmers, Herbert L. Ritland and Donald P. Rowen. Board members present from the Heartland Area Education Agency included: Mrs. Maurine L. Coe, Mr. Frank Ford, Jr., Dr. Michael J. Hall, Dr. Richard Herrstadt, Dr. Richard Lampshire and Mr. Ed Long. DMACC President Dr. Joe Borgen, Executive Vice President of Management Gene Snyder and Heartland Administrator Dr. Bill M. Clark were also present.

It was moved by Mrs. Coe and seconded by Mr. Leonard that the Minutes of the June 10, 1981, meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Redistricting of Director Districts

Dr. Ron McClurg of DMACC explained the work that he and Dr. Phil Berrie of Heartland have done in setting new director districts corresponding to the 1980 census, as required by law. After developing a data base, same was manipulated to come up with the realignment so no district has a population of more or less than 5% of any other district.

A major problem was that secondary school district boundaries do not necessarily coincide with census enumeration district boundaries. In rural areas, enumeration districts generally represent townships and occasionally smaller cities. In urban areas, enumeration districts are generally blocks; which, when combined, form precincts. All towns in the twenty-two (22) counties represented in the merged Area 11 were counted. The proposed new districts were set so no present director would lose his/her seat due to realignment, nor would they be denied the opportunity for re-election from the same general constituency. The new districts were aligned so that all areas in each were contiguous; and long, narrow corridors of territory were avoided as much as possible. Population in each new proposed director district varies from 62,000 to 68,000.

A new law passed by the Iowa State Legislature since this work was completed does not require merged areas and area education agencies to have the same boundaries. However, each must adopt a new plan with equal population by July 1. Each Board should vote on the proposal at its own meeting.

Dr. McClurg will explain the plan to local district superintendents in Area 11 at their meeting on May 12, so the Boards may wait until their June meetings to vote in order that local school districts have an opportunity to make suggestions.

Total population in Area 11 increased from approximately 540,000 to 590,000. This is the highest growth in any Area in the State. Total growth in the State went from 2,825,000 to 2,913,000.

Progress Report on STRIVE

Mr. Dennis Hiner of DMACC addressed the joint Boards regarding progress made during the year in the "Selected Training Received In Vocational Education program. After a slide presentation explaining STRIVE, Mr. Hiner explained it is a joint program between the AEA, merged area and local school districts. Following a study made of mentally disabled youths out of school, it was determined that they had a high rate of unemployment and were dependent on their families and/or welfare. Goals of STRIVE are to help these older students acquire vocational training and independent living skills.

Mr. Ed O'Leary, Career Consultant for Mentally Disabled at Heartland, told the Boards that this was the pilot year for the STRIVE program held at DMACC. Seventeen (17) students began the year and were enrolled in nine (9) different vocational programs. Individualized Educational Programs were developed for each student which involved both the student and parents. Three (3) students dropped from the program during the year. One has completed training and has been placed as a nurses' aide. The rehabilitation placement office at Drake has been doing a job analysis in the community to learn of the most suitable jobs and training required for these students.

Forty (40) students have been referred and interviewed for the program for fall of 1982. The program has been accepted very well by local superintendents. One new resource teacher will be hired for fall when thirty-two (32) new students from thirteen (13) districts will be brought into the program. Five (5) or six (6) students enrolled this year will remain in the program also. More tutors will also be available for the vocational laboratory setting.

The coordinators of STRIVE have submitted a curriculum project to the Department of Public Instruction proposing three (3) years to modify curriculum to a competency-based model so students would have very specific objectives. If that project is approved, some direct input will be received from local business and labor.

Funding for STRIVE students has come from their local district in the amount of 50% (approximately \$3,500 per student) and 50% from other sources. The first few years will be more expensive due to curriculum development. The cost may go down in the future.

DMACC Reorganization and Area Economic Development

Dr. Borgen explained changes being made at the college. The administrative structure has been reorganized, and one layer (ten positions) removed. Dual supervision has thus been eliminated.

DMACC is in the process of going from the quarter system to the semester system to better match other colleges. This will eliminate the need for one registration each year and the advertising involved. The change is expected to go into effect the fall of 1983.

Two new buildings are now open at the college. Reallocation of monies will put more emphasis on vocational training. DMACC is also helping the community by retraining employees who have been put out of work due to plant closings. The College had started work on a business and economics institute to improve productivity and quality of work life.

The date for the next annual Joint Board Meeting between DMACC and Heartland will be set by Drs. Borgen and Clark.

Staff members present from both Heartland and DMACC were introduced to the Boards.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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