Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (September 26, 1977)

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A special meeting of the Des Moines Area Community College Board of Directors was held in Rooms 3A & B, Building #7, Ankeny campus, Ankeny, Iowa, on September 26, 1977. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Walter Hetzel, at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Maurice Campbell
Murray Goodman
Walter Hetzel
Eldon Leonard
Donald Rowen
Walter A. Stover, Jr.
Max Kreager
Harold Welin

Members absent: Harry Bloomquist

Others present: Paul Lowery, Superintendent
Irv Steinberg, Board Secretary
Various other DMACC students and staff
and news media personnel

It was moved by M. Kreager, seconded by M. Campbell, that ten Urban Center students be each allowed to address the Board with comments with a time restriction of no more than three minutes per student. Motion passed and the student comments were heard by the Board. The comments were generally an expression of opposition to the purchase of the Ruan building at Third and Keo, Des Moines.

Board President Walter Hetzel declared the special board meeting recessed at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of a dinner break.

The special board meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m. at the same location as previously held. All those present prior to the recess were again present at this time.

It was moved by M. Campbell that the Board go into executive session to prevent premature disclosure on consideration of a real estate purchase, which would give advantage to others and serve no public purpose, and for exceptional reasons so compelling as to override the general public policy in favor of open meetings. Motion failed for lack of a second.

It was moved by H. Welin, seconded by M. Kreager, that the Ruan building, located at Third and Keo, Des Moines, be purchased for use as an Urban Center, and that negotiations continue with the City of Des Moines for acquisition of Parcel C, the west portion of Parcel A, plus additional space to provide adequate parking, as identified in a letter dated September 26, 1977 from
City Manager Richard Wilkey and addressed to Mr. Paul Lowery, Superintendent, Des Moines Area Community College, a copy of said letter attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Motion passed after a roll call vote was taken as follows:

AYES:  Maurice Campbell
       Walter Hetzel
       Eldon Leonard
       Max Kreager
       Harold Welin

NAYS:  Walter A. Stover, Jr.
       Murray Goodman
       Donald Rowen

MAXIMUM PURCHASE PRICE FOR RUAN BUILDING ESTABLISHED

It was moved by M. Kreager, seconded by H. Welin, that a maximum of $1,000,000 (one million dollars) be offered for the Ruan building, subject to disposition of five (5) acres of Ankeny campus property at $9,000 per acre. Motion passed after a roll call was taken as follows:

AYES:  Maurice Campbell
       Walter Hetzel
       Eldon Leonard
       Max Kreager
       Harold Welin

NAYS:  Walter A. Stover, Jr.
       Murray Goodman
       Donald Rowen

AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH CITY OF DES MOINES IMMEDIATELY

It was moved by D. Rowen, seconded by W. Stover, that negotiations with the city of Des Moines for acquisition of Parcel C, the west portion of Parcel A, plus additional space to provide adequate parking begin immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by E. Leonard, seconded by W. Stover, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

IRV STEINBERG, Secretary

WALTER L. HETZEL, President
DATE    Sept 26,77
TO      Paul Lowery
FROM    Irv Steinberg
RE:

Attached draft of minutes.

As you know, I received a request from one of the Urban Students (Mr. Ako N. I. Diallobe, 1728 2nd Ave, DM, 50314) for a copy of the minutes.

Please advise if attached rough draft is in correct language for disposition to this student—or how I should handle this request. Thanks.
NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF
DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: September 26, 1977

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: Building #7 (Formerly Bldg. #25)
Rooms 3A & B (Executive Dining Room)
Ankeny Campus

PURPOSE: Discuss Urban Center

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