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DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2006 S. Ankeny Boulevard
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SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 30, 1976

A special meeting of the Des Moines Area Community College Board of Directors was held on August 30, 1976, Building #31, Ankeny Campus, Ankeny, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by the Board Vice President, Walter Hetzel, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Walter Hetzel
Harry Bloomquist
Don Rowen (arrived late)
M. Campbell (arrived late)
C. Galvin
Murray Goodman
Eldon Leonard

Members absent: Harold Welin
Max Kreager

Others present: Paul Lowery, Superintendent
Irv Steinberg, Controller/Board Secretary
Kathleen Reimer, Legal Counsel for DMACC
Ankeny & CIVEC Staff Members

TERMINATION OF
EMPLOYEES AT
CIVEC

It was moved by C. Galvin, seconded by M. Goodman, that the contracts with the following staff, employed at the Central Iowa Vocational Education Center (CIVEC), be terminated effective September 30, 1976 and that these employees be notified of this action by certified mail:

Mary Ann Harpel, Business Occupations
Gerald Jacobs, Machine Shop
Madge Versteegh, Basic Education
Lloyd Frette, Auto Body
Wayne Mitchell, Business Occupations
Jon Robinson, Basic Education
Kenneth Collier, Welding
Charles Pardekooper, Copy Reproduction
Carol Knopp, Business Occupations
Charles Smart, Upholstery
William Needham, Auto Service Station
George Nichols, Asst. Director, Student Services
Carl Rolf, Director
Theodore Miller, Custodian
Pamela Bottorff, Nurse/Counselor
Olga Hill, Bookkeeper
Dorothy McCreary, Secretary/Clerical

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by C. Galvin, seconded by M. Goodman, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


WALTER HETZEL, Vice President


IRV STEINBERG, Secretary

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Community College Votes To Rehire 13

By Melinda Voss

The Des Moines Area Community College Board voted, 6 to 0, Tuesday night to rehire 13 persons who earlier had been terminated because college officials said federal funds had been cut back.

After a 45-minute closed door session with the college's attorney, Kathleen Limer, the board reconvened in public session and promptly voted to rehire the employees until at least Oct. 1.

The employees, most of whom are instructors at the college's Central Iowa Vocational Education Center (CIVEC) at 403 Bell Ave., had been terminated as of Monday by the board.

After the board meeting, College Superintendent Paul Lowery said, the \$24,725 necessary for the six weeks of salaries and fringe benefits for the 13 employees would be paid with "resources available to the college."

'No Tax Funds'

Lowery would not say whether the funds would come from the college's general operating fund except to say that no tax money would be used.

When asked why the board voted to

rehire the employees, Lowery replied: "We've had good legal advice."

At an Aug. 9 board meeting, James Sayre, an attorney for the employees, told the board it was legally obligated to pay the employees for the six-week period through Sept. 30 because contract provisions say the employees could be terminated only if the college was financially unable to underwrite their salaries.

Sayre pointed to college budget documents that showed an unrestricted surplus — money that can be used for any purpose — of \$146,531.

College officials and their attorney have not refuted that argument.

Order Cited

However, college officials have said that they were ordered to terminate about half the CIVEC staff by the Central Iowa Regional Association, which has contracted with the college to provide job training for low-income persons.

Officials of the association have said the cutbacks were necessary because of a reduction of federal funds. CIVEC employees were on a nine-month contract from Oct. 7 to June 30, then were issued a three-month contract from July 1 to Oct. 1 because of a change in the federal government's starting and ending points for the fiscal year involving CIVEC funds.

College officials have said they hope to rehire the employees after Oct. 1, but that depends on whether the regional association renews its contract with the college to operate the center.