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Heartland

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

Tuesday, May 24, 1983  
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--Dr. Michael J. Hall, Chairman  
Heartland AEA Board of Directors
2. Approval of Minutes of May 3, 1982
3. Review of Project STRIVE (Selected Training Received In Vocational  
Education)--Ed O'Leary of Heartland and Dennis Hiner of DMACC
4. Heartland's Main Office Building; Looking At Needs and Options--  
Dr. Bill M. Clark, Administrator, Heartland AEA
5. Regional Planning Council for Career and Vocational Education--  
Jim Wolter of Heartland
6. Setting Date for 1983-84 Annual Meeting
7. Other Concerns

Dinner  
6:30 p.m.

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Heartland Area Education Agency Board President Michael J. Hall called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The annual meeting is held in accordance with State law.

The following Board members were present from Heartland: Mr. E. E. Andrews, Mrs. Maurine L. Coe, Mr. Frank Ford Jr., Dr. Richard Herrnstadt, and Mr. John Niemeyer. Board members present from DMACC were Board President Eldon Leonard, Mr. DeVere Bendixen, Mr. Raymond Clark, Mr. Jasper Risdal, Mr. Herbert Ritland, and Mr. Donald Rowen. Heartland's Administrator, Dr. Bill M. Clark; DMACC's President, Dr. Joe Borgen; and DMACC's Executive Vice President of Management, Mr. Gene Snyder; were also present.

It was moved by Mrs. Coe and seconded by Mr. Ford that the Minutes of the May 3, 1982, meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Project STRIVE (Selected Training Received In Vocational Education)

Mr. Dennis Hiner of DMACC showed a slide presentation about Project STRIVE, and then explained that the program helps mildly mentally disabled students. He introduced Mr. Ed O'Leary, Consultant from Heartland; and Ms. Judy Marie Ringe and Ms. Kim Linduska, resource instructors at DMACC.

Mr. Hiner said that in 1981-82, which was the first year of the program, 17 students were enrolled from eight school districts. Most of those districts were close to Ankeny because of transportation problems. The students were enrolled in 10 different vocational programs, and 8 or 9 students who completed the full year are now employed.

The 1982-83 school year started with 33 students in the STRIVE program, and 5 more joined later in the year. There are now 13 school districts represented from as far away as Coon Rapids. A total of 52 students have been accepted for the 1983-84 year from 20 school districts.

Ms. Ringe addressed the joint Boards and said that in 1982-83 there were 4 inservices held for DMACC staff to help them understand the special needs of these students. Curriculum has been modified so the students can be successful.

Ms. Linduska reported that a placement specialist was hired during the year on a one-third time basis. He works with employers to analyze requirements for different jobs. Courses are then aimed at those requirements. The placement specialist also points out advantages of hiring the handicapped to employers.

Mr. O'Leary said he works with local districts for career and vocational education planning, and that cooperation AMONG Heartland, DMACC and local districts has been tremendous. There is an increasing awareness of career and vocational needs in local districts, and programs are being up-graded. Long range planning is occurring because students need career guidance before reaching the STRIVE program. In 1983-84, a social worker will work with the STRIVE staff and students.

Total cost for Project STRIVE during 1982-83 is approximately \$113,000 which is \$3,400-\$3,500 per student. This cost per student will decrease next year when more students are enrolled in the program. Messrs. Hiner and O'Leary have presented the program at four different State programs and three national conventions.

#### Cooperative Efforts Between Heartland and DMACC

DMACC Board Member Dan Rowen stated that the charges to AEAs and community colleges should be examined. He does not feel the two have done a good job in working with all students.

A lengthy discussion followed in which there was general agreement that while more could probably be done, the basic missions of the two agencies differ. Meaningful cooperation does take place at the staff level when appropriate.

#### Heartland's Ankeny Office

Heartland Administrator Bill Clark told the Boards that the Agency's building lease at the present location is up in three years. An architectural firm has been contracted to look at options and make recommendations. The AEA cannot purchase buildings and does not have any taxing power. Any purchase must be done on a lease-purchase arrangement following an area-wide election.

#### Regional Planning Council for Career and Vocational Education

Heartland Coordinator Jim Wolter told the Boards that the Regional Planning Council has a \$21,000 budget which was provided to help students in small districts have the same vocational opportunities that students have in large districts.

As of July 1, 1983, the Regional Planning Council will officially begin. Planning and funding have been completed. The Council will serve kindergarten students through adults and will make recommendations to education and private business leaders. Heartland and DMACC are working cooperatively on this project.

#### 1984 Meeting Date

DMACC will host the 1984 joint meeting of the two Boards. A date in May 1984 will be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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