

Area XI Board Early Highlights 1966 - 1968

(Summarized from approved College Board minutes)

May 23, 1966 (first board organizational meeting, held at the Des Moines Downtown YMCA)

- Meeting chaired by Ralph Norris, Polk County Superintendent of Schools
- Lloyd Godfrey, Dallas County Superintendent of Schools, announced the results of the board member elections in each of the nine districts:
 - I. Robert H. Lounsberry McCallsburg
 - II. Harold F. Welin Boone
 - III. Harry L. Cowden Guthrie Center
 - IV. Dr. Dwight Mater Knoxville
 - V. Max W. Kreager Newton
 - VI. James R. Maggert Ankeny
 - VII. Ross C. Cramlett Des Moines
 - VIII. DeWitt A. Williams Des Moines
 - IX. Rolland Grefe Des Moines
- Terms of one, two and three years determined by drawing lots of the nine districts--first election, October 1966
- Officers elected by board to serve until the fall 1966 election:
 - President James Maggert
 - Vice President Rolland Grief
 - Secretary Harold Welin
- Two committees appointed by President Maggert: Superintendent Selection and Policy
- Panel from the Iowa Department of Public Instruction presented information on topics relevant to the duties of the newly elected board members:
 - Philosophy and Purpose of Area Vocational Schools and Community Colleges David Bechtel
 - Personnel Needs and Qualifications Doyle Carpenter
 - Problem Approach Robert Bircheimer
 - Curriculum Weldon Else
 - Budget Problems David Bechtel

June 30, 1966

- Selection Committee announced it had considered nine applicants for the superintendent position, and recommend Paul J. Lowery, Director of DeKalb Technical Institute in Georgia; board voted unanimously to accept the committee's recommendation and specified a salary of \$25,000 annually plus moving expenses; Lowery accepted the position by phone from his home in Georgia and will begin as Superintendent no later than August 1, 1966

July 23, 1966

- Board welcomed Supt. Paul Lowery

- Approved a “transfer of credit” contract with the Boone Community School Board for Boone Junior College--all junior colleges in Iowa were required to develop a contract with the newly elected area boards, since state reimbursement for two-year colleges would be reimbursed to these boards rather than to their individual K-12 board beginning in FY 1966
- Approved request to the Iowa Department of Public Instruction for \$1,008,496 for state reimbursement for the 1966-67 school year
- Ankeny State Bank designated the as the repository for college funds

September 13, 1966

- Leased office space in the former Ankeny Post Office at 315 Walnut for two years
- Approved a contract to Owen Shadle, Director of Vocational-Technical Education

October 24, 1966

- Considered leasing a former grocery store in West Des Moines (2501 Vine) as a temporary campus

November 28, 1966

- Agreed to purchase 240 acres of land from Iowa State University for the future Ankeny Campus- land was formerly a part of the DM Ordinance facility and had been sold to Iowa State for \$1 in 1946
- Leased the building, a former grocery store at 2501 Vine in West Des Moines for temporary campus
- Approved employment contracts to Dale Belairs, Business Manager; Leonard Bengtson, Director of Student Services; and Phillip Langerman, Director of Adult Education--plus Paul Lowery and Owen Shadle, making up the initial administrators at the college

December 20, 1966

- Agreed to accept and guarantee \$1 million in debt for the Boone Junior College building-- debt was the obligation for the Boone Community School District
- Allocated \$5,000 to complete a study for workforce skills needs in Central Iowa

January 9, 1967

- Selected Emory-Prall Architects as college architectural firm to create a master plan for the proposed Ankeny Campus

January 23, 1967

- Approved initial vocational-technical programs as recommendations to the Iowa Department of Public Instruction for final approval: Drafting, Electronics, Secretarial Science, Clerical, Practical Nursing, Welding, Auto Mechanics and Data Processing

February 27, 1967

- Purchased land in Ankeny from Iowa State University for the future campus (240 acres at \$1300 an acre and 80 acres at \$1400)
- Applied to be a GED (General Educational Development) center

March 27, 1967

- Responded to a request from United Electronics to hear its presentation urging affiliation with the college to provide electronics instruction
- Received approval to operate the vocational technical programs requested at the January 23, 1967 meeting

April 10, 1967

- Received and reviewed the results of the “skilled needs” survey of businesses and organizations in Area XI
- Reviewed plans for proceeding with the development of the Ankeny Campus for soil testing, site development, and campus layout and facilities
- Approved a contract with the US Department of Labor MDTA (Manpower Development Training Act) to provide short term vocational programs to adult students
- Established the college General Advisory Committee and appointed several members

April 24, 1967

- Heard a proposal for the College of Automation to offer data processing classes and programs under contract with the college
- Received a request from the Nevada School Board to consider purchasing the Shipley School as an instructional site
- Receiving a proposal to lease a building in Knoxville as site for offering the practical nursing program
- Approved the operating budget for Boone Junior College of the 1966-67 school year

May 22, 1967

- Approved the Ankeny Campus master plan that envisions 6,000 students (primarily vocational-technical) and 250,000 sq. ft. of building space on the site recently acquired from Iowa State University
- Received reports from Supt. Lowery and some board members on their visits to U. S. campuses of two-year institutions offering two-year vocational-technical programs: Southern Nevada Vo Tech (Las Vegas), El Camino, Orange Coast and Golden West (Los Angeles area), Kenosha Tech (Wisconsin), Quincy Vo-Tech, St. Paul Tech, and Dunwoody Institute (Minneapolis-St. Paul area)

June 26, 1967

- Approved motion to assume operations of the MDTA program beginning November 1, 1967--program previously operated by the Des Moines Public Schools
- Learned that federal monies may be available since the college will be eligible when it meets the North Central Association (NCA) eligibility requirements to become a candidate for accreditation--Dr. Victor Spathelf, President of Ferris State College in Michigan, designated as the college liaison with the NCA
- Learned that the DPI has approved the proposed \$1.2 college budget for 1967-68
- Approved a policy for vacation and sick leave for college employees
- Gave authority to Supt. Lowery to negotiate a lease of the former skating rink at 2020 Grand in West Des Moines for a second instructional facility in Des Moines
- Set September 10, 1967, as date to request the voters to approve the $\frac{3}{4}$ mil property tax levy--same date as the election for area college board members

July 10, 1967

- Approved the lease for 2020 Grand in West Des Moines
- Approved locating a vocational rehabilitation counselor at the college--position's salary will be paid by the State of Iowa
- Approved a final FY 1968 College budget at \$1,740,000; learned that the DPI will reimburse students at Boone Junior College at \$2.25 per day of attendance
- Established a Vo-Tech Week schedule--a mobile information center built by staff will visit several communities to increase awareness of the college and to recruit students for fall classes in these locations:
 - Adel, Guthrie Center, Perry
 - Boone, Ames
 - Newton
 - Pella, Knoxville

- Indianola and Merle Hay Plaza in Des Moines
- Winterset

July 24, 1967

- No one from public attended hearing on proposed FY 1967 college budget
- Formally approved the final lease on 2020 Grand, West Des Moines

August 25, 1967

- Approved the proposed site plan for Ankeny Campus

September 11, 1967

- Canvassed the recent board election--both incumbents were elected, as was William Price, replacing Harry Cowden, who chose not to run for re-election

October 16, 1967

- Received the fall term enrollment report:
 - Vocational Technical 295
 - Supplemental 476
 - Adult Education 1,701
 - Boone J.C. 386
 - Total 2.858

November 13, 1967

- Reviewed a proposal for construction on Ankeny Campus for buildings and site development— five temporary (demountable) structures
- Heard from the Iowa Department of Instruction that the official name for the college must include the words “area community college”
- Phil Langerman, Director of Adult and Community Education, announced his PhD dissertation-- “Characteristics and Potential Human Resources within the Area XI Community College District”
- Agreed to build all temporary structures on the Ankeny Campus as opposed to expanding the existing centers in West Des Moines
- Approved state reimbursement request for Boone Junior College

December 11, 1967

- Received enrollment report for winter quarter:
 - Vocational Technical 249
 - Voc. Supplemental 114
 - Adult Education 802
 - Boone Junior College 320

o Total 1,531

- Recommended the transfer of Manpower Development Training Act Center from the Des Moines Schools to the college, effective December 1, 1967; Walter Ramey continues as director; all staff and faculty will continue in current positions
- Learned that the college welding program will be scheduled at the MDTA Center until new facilities constructed at the Ankeny Campus
- Announced John Dimitry, Macomb Community College in Michigan, agreed to be the consultant for assisting in the planning of the Ankeny Campus

January 8, 1968

- Approved locating the new data processing instructional program in the portable classroom (trailer) at Center One in West Des Moines
- Learned that the final winter quarter enrollment totaled 1,526 students

February 21, 1968

- Revised the contract with Emory/Prall Architects for the Ankeny Campus to note the change from a 240- to 320-acre campus
- Reported on a visit by Supt. Lowery and several board members to Ferris State College in Michigan
- Voted to accept a contract for computer hardware and software to Honeywell Corporation
- Voted to assume operational control of Boone Junior College on July 1, 1969

March 11, 1968 (Special Meeting)

- Rescinded the contact with Honeywell Corporation and voted to approve a similar contract with IBM for hardware and software computer services--the result of numerous complaints from company executives and data managers in the Des Moines area where IBM equipment is widely used
- Approved preliminary plan for constructing buildings on the Ankeny Campus
- Received a report recommending a possible name for the college—Mid Iowa Community College

April 22, 1968

- Received confirmation from the Iowa Highway Commission that would allow only one entrance to the campus on Highway 69

- Dewitt Williams submitted resignation from the board effective immediately

May 13, 1968

- Harry Bloomquist appointed to fill vacancy created by Dewitt Williams
- Approved building plans for buildings 1 – 5 on Ankeny campus

June 10, 1968

- Irv Steinberg approved as business manager and secretary to the board to replace Dale Belairs, who recently resigned
- Agreed to reimburse Supt. Paul Lowery for all expenses related to completing his Ph.D. at Iowa State University
- Approved the format for leasing buildings on the Ankeny Phasing Campus

June 17, 1968

- Approved nine year leases on buildings 1-5 on the Ankeny Phasing Campus with Rayner Construction--company will construct buildings and then lease to college