

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DISTRICT #600**

**October 13, 1965**

Official notice is attached for the special meeting of the Board of Community College, District #600, called to order by President Tabor on October 13, 1965, 12:00 noon, at the Lincoln Hotel, Sterling, for the further consideration of a site for the College campus.

The secretary called the roll and the following members were present: Peter W. Dillon, Catherine R. Perkins, Kenneth L. Reuter, Clayton R. Schuneman, Gerald S. Stuff, Warren E. Walder, and Forrest L. Tabor. None were absent.

There was discussion as to the need to determine borings and development costs on each site.

President Tabor reported that there was still a possibility that some negotiations could come from the Brown site on the South side of the River. At the present time the only options held are on the Green and Schuler properties.

The Board agreed that, after a final decision was reached as to the site desired, each member would support the decision regardless of his personal preference.

Mr. Walder moved to have the site engineers test bore on the Schuler and Green properties and any adjacent areas necessary to the development of the site if the architects deemed desirable. Mr. Schuneman seconded the motion. The roll was called and the following voted "Aye": Peter W. Dillon, Catherine R. Perkins, Kenneth L. Reuter, Clayton R. Schuneman, Gerald S. Stuff, Warren E. Walder and Forrest L. Tabor. None voted "Nay". The motion carried.

Mr. Hinueber reported that the committee for the selection of a name from the list submitted during the contest had considered the historical and other significant angles of all the names and had narrowed the list down to the following for the Board's consideration: Sinnissippi, Sauk Valley, and Carl Sandburg.

Mr. Reuter moved that the secretary poll the Board by mail as to their preference and then to decide the name at the next meeting. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Walder moved to adjourn to a meeting of Wednesday, October 20, 1965, 7:30 P.M., Rock Falls, Illinois. Mr. Stuff seconded the motion. The roll was called and the following voted "Aye": Peter W. Dillon, Catherine R. Perkins, Kenneth L. Reuter, Clayton R. Schuneman, Gerald S. Stuff, Warren E. Walder and Forrest L. Tabor. None voted "Nay". The motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

*Catherine R. Perkins*  
**Catherine R. Perkins, Secretary**

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To: Board of Directors of Community College District 600

From: G. C. Hinueber, Director of Public Relations

Subject: "Name the College" Contest

As instructed by the Board, the Public Relations Director, with the assistance of Board member Dillon, conducted a contest to "Name the College" among all the citizens of District 600.

The contest opened on Tuesday, September 14th, and closed with the acceptance of entries postmarked not later than midnight on Saturday, October 2nd.

The response was gratifying. The total number of entries received was 1,882. Entries were received from each school district.

A special screening committee was appointed to consider each entry and narrow down the entries to a workable number for the Board's consideration. This committee was composed of Mr. Gurner Benson, Superintendent of the Sterling Junior High School; Mrs. Charles Leaga, a physician's wife from Dixon, Illinois; and Mr. Hinueber, the Public Relations Director. The committee met on Monday evening, October 11th. Considerable discussion was given over to the criteria for a name, and attempts were made to point out the possible historical relevance considered that local history, terrain, etc. The committee was unanimous in its opinion that the name should not favor any one community in our district. It was also pointed out that we had already lost many good names, such as Blackhawk, Rock Valley, Lincoln, etc.

After considerable work, the list of final selections was narrowed to eight, then to five, and finally to three. It is your committee's unanimous opinion that the following names would be most appropriate for our Community College. They are listed in order of the committee's preference:

### **I. SINNISSEPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

"Sinnissippi" is the Illinoisan and Sauk Indian name for the Rock River. In early Indian times, "sippi" meant "river" and over the years "Sinnissippi" has also been spelled many ways: "Sanesippi," "Ouasimippi," and "Tansepe." The committee feels that this particular name most deeply describes our locale and could certainly not be shortened or perverted easily. It's the committee's unanimous No. 1 selection.

### **II. SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The Sauk Valley was originally a trail which ran from "Saukemuuk" near Rock Island to Detroit, Michigan. The name is a contraction of the original tribal area variously spelled as "Sakewe," "Ouaskee," and "Sakie." The committee felt that this particular name was very appropriate for our locale and it is a unanimous second choice.

**III. CARL SANDBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Mr. Sandburg is an eminent and distinguished citizen of Illinois and is considered the "poet laureate" of America. Although his roots are more in the Galesburg region than in ours, it was felt that if the Board wished to name the College after an individual, no more important personage could be found than Mr. Sandburg. This name is the committee's unanimous third choice.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. Hinueber  
Director of Public Relations