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Minnesota River Vocational Cooperative Center No. 959, New Prague

An Inventory of Its Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota River Vocational Cooperative Center No. 959 (New Prague, Minn.).
- Series Title:** Records,
- Dates:** 1972-1982.
- Abstract:** Minutes of the governing board and advisory committees, financial records, faculty agreements, information on curriculum and enrollments, and miscellany.
- Quantity:** 1.5 cu. ft. (1 box and 1 partial box).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER VOCATIONAL COOPERATIVE CENTER

The Minnesota River Vocational Center provided for comprehensive vocational education within the geographical boundaries of its member districts. It was established in 1972 under the Joint Powers Agreement [Minn. Stat. 471.59], which provides for the joint exercise of powers of two or more government units.

Following the passage of legislation specifically authorizing cooperation by school districts to provide expanded vocational and other education [Laws 1974 c252], the Center was approved by the state Department of Education under Minn. Stat. 123.351 in April, 1975, and designated District No. 959.

The independent school districts involved were No. 716, Belle Plaine (1972-1976), No. 717, Jordan (1972-1978), No. 393, LeSueur (1972-1978), No. 394, Montgomery-Lonsdale (1972-1982), No. 721, New Prague (1972-1982), and No. 719, Prior Lake (1972-1978).

The Center dissolved on June 30, 1982.

Note: Vocational centers are assigned school district numbers but are not independent school districts--they are considered special school districts.

Sources: Minnesota Education Directory.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Minutes of the district's governing board and of several advisory committees; financial reports, audit reports, and budgets; faculty agreements (contracts) and related negotiation files; information on curriculum and enrollments; and miscellaneous administrative records.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

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Special districts--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
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Vocational education--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Places:

New Prague (Minn.)

Organizations:

Minnesota. Independent School District No. 716 (Belle Plaine).
Minnesota. Independent School District No. 717 (Jordan).
Minnesota. Independent School District No. 393 (LeSueur).
Minnesota. Independent School District No. 394 (Montgomery-Lonsdale).
Minnesota. Independent School District No. 721 (New Prague).
Minnesota. Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location	Box	
128.F.8.5B	1	Governing Board: Minutes, 1972 - June 1978 (missing 1973 - May 1974). 1 folder. Meeting Files (including minutes), September 1972 - June 1982 (missing November 1977 - June 1978). 14 folders. Advisory Committees' Minutes, 1972-1982. 12 folders. Agriculture, 1973-1977. Auto Body/Metal Fabrication, 1978-1981. Auto Mechanics, 1978-1981. Auto Services, 1973-1976. Child Care Careers, 1973-1976. Construction Trades, 1973-1981. Food Occupations, 1975-1977. Health Occupations, 1973-1981. Joint Meetings of Advisory Committees, 1972-1982. Model Office, 1974-1976. Steering, 1972-1974. Summer Cooperative Program, 1978. Agreements, 1973-1982. Master agreements (contracts) between the Vocational Center and its teaching staff. The agreements were compiled in compliance with the Public Employment Labor Relations Act of 1971 to provide the terms and conditions of employment for the teachers.

Location	Box	
128.F.8.5B	1	Subject Files: Annual financial reports, 1974-1982.
102.J.8.9B	[partial]	Audit reports, 1974-1982. 2 folders. Budgets, 1972-1982. Constitution and bylaws, 1975, 1981. Correspondence, 1973-1982. Curriculum outlines, 1977-1982. Director's notes of the superintendents' meeting, January 1978. Dissolution, 1981-1982. Enrollments, 1980-1981. Equipment valuation appraisal reports, 1978, 1982. Faculty memos, 1980-1982. Faculty negotiations, 1981. Joint agreement for Vocational Center, 1972. Policy manual, 1981-1982. Survey of occupational training in Scott County and Montgomery school districts, June 1971.