

WELDING ADVISORY MEETING

March 4, 1996

Met at Arctco: Members present were Dale Wennberg, Larry Belker, Ralph Williams, Rick Stenseth and Bruce Bjorgaard. The meeting was strictly to discuss the proposed closing of the Welding program.

Several questions were raised and it was decided to contact Orley and set up a meeting with him. That meeting followed at 11:00 am.

- 1) Orley gave his rational for closing the Welding program.
- 2) Lengthy discussion followed.
- 3) Money was the key issue.
- 4) Orley stated having to balance school budget or cost him his job.
- 5) Orley handed out a 10 year summary of ratio's which showed we have been strong all except for this year.
- 6) Committee asked for one year to revive the program.
- 7) Orley stated industry needed to get involved. He would keep the program going if he had a commitment of \$30-\$35,000 dollars. Rich said he would talk to Arctco. It was suggested other industries be contacted.
- 8) Orley wants one day a week for Dennis to recruit industries for training.

Meeting ended 12:05

Dennis Wilkens