



**COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Special Meeting

May 23, 2016

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by Mr. Cochrane at 7:30 PM in the Library of Feelhaver Elementary.

Members present : Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Kent, Ms. Shimkat, Mr. Springer, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : Ms. Tracy.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Secretary Hughes, Assistant Principal Harvey, the student, and the student's parent.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the board agenda as presented. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Closed Session

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to go into closed session under Section 21.5(1)e of the Code of Iowa "to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor." On a roll call vote, the following voting aye: Wagner, Cochrane, Forsythe, Kent, Shimkat, and Springer. Voting nay: none. Absent: Tracy. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Time In : 7:50 PM

Time Out : 8:10 PM

Subject : Long-term Suspension Hearing.

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 8:10 PM.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Forsythe, that the student who was the subject of the hearing be suspended from Fort Dodge Senior High until May 18, 2017, and to be excluded from participating in and attending all school activities. The student is banned from all school properties unless given permission by an administrator. Included in this recommendation of suspension, the student has the opportunity to return earlier with substantial academic progress with online classes, completing six credits by the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. Also included in the recommendation is a substance abuse evaluation and treatment. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary

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