



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

Special Meeting

February 13, 2018

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office, with Secretary Hughes present.

- Members Present : Mr. Wagner, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Cochrane, Ms. Tracy, and Mr. Springer.
- Members absent : Ms. Shimkat and Mr. Kent.
- Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Middle School Principal Flaherty, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Hansen, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Closed Session

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Hansen, to go into closed session under Section 21.5(e) of the Code of Iowa "to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or 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, Hansen, Springer, and Tracy. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shimkat and Kent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

- Time in : 5:38 p.m.
- Time out : 5:43 p.m.
- Subject : Long Term Suspension

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 5:43 p.m.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Hansen, to approve the administrative recommendation to place the student who was the subject of the hearing on a long term suspension from the Fort Dodge Middle School for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. The student will be evaluated through a substance abuse treatment service agency and placed within the most appropriate outside program that will serve the academic and risk assessment needs. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary