

**Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa**  
**Minutes of Board of Education Meeting**  
**Special Meeting**  
**January 27, 2020**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:26 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office, with Secretary Utley present.

Members present: Mr. Hansen, Mr. Springer, Mr. Cochrane, Ms. Tracy, Ms. Shimkat, and Mr. Kent.

Members absent: Mr. Wagner.

Others present: Superintendent Ulrich, Principal Laird, and Director of Secondary Education Doebel.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Kent, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Springer, 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: Cochrane, Kent, Shimkat, Hansen, Springer, and Tracy. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wagner. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Time in: 6:27 p.m.

Time out: 6:32 p.m.

Subject: Long Term Suspension

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 6:32 p.m.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Shimkat, to suspend the student from the Fort Dodge Senior High for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, with services provided. Included in this recommendation is a ban from participating in and attending all extra-curricular events and a ban from all school property for the duration of the suspension. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Principal Laird and Director of Secondary Education Doebel left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to go into closed session under Section 21.5(1)i of the Code of Iowa "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." On a roll call vote, the following voting aye: Tracy, Cochrane, Kent, Shimkat, Hansen, and Springer. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wagner. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Time in: 6:36 p.m.

Time out: 7:00 p.m.

Subject: Evaluate Staff Performance

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Adriana Utley  
Board Secretary