



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

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Special Meeting

August 13, 2015

The Special Meeting at Fort Dodge Middle School was called to order at 6:00 PM by Superintendent Van Zyl.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Rogers

Others present: 198 Community Members

Superintendent Van Zyl welcomed parents and community members; he thanked Duncombe staff for coming together and supporting the change. Dr. Van Zyl updated the audience on the following; 1) Intentions were to have students go to Duncombe this year 2) While moving a shelf for carpet replacement, issues were discovered by staff 3) ISG, engineering firm was called in and examined the building, deemed structurally unsafe 4) Walls shifting, support beams sinking, windows bowing 4) District checked with multiple institutes for housing 350 students, Fouch Brothers agreed to let the district use Fair Oaks for two years at no cost 5) Students who walk or are dropped off will be offered a bus to Fair Oaks 6) Hope to start school on schedule, but it may not happen 7) Opened the floor to community for questions and concerns 8) Communications will continue, offered another public meeting if need be, thanked community for support.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary

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