



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Special Meeting

December 17, 2012

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Office, with Secretary Hughes present.

Members present : Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Kent, Ms. Peterson,
Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : Ms. Merz.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Senior High School Principal
Keane, Assistant Principal Astor, and six other interested
parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Forsythe, to approve the board agenda as presented. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Closed Session

The suspension or expulsion of two students would be considered at this hearing. A separate closed session will be held regarding each of the students.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Rogers, 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, Forsythe, Kent, Peterson, Rogers, and Wagner. Voting nay: none. Absent: Merz. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Time In : 6:00 p.m.

Time Out : 6:25 p.m.

Subject : Expulsion Hearing (first student).

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Wagner, to expel the first student who is the subject of this hearing for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year with the possibility that the student may be considered for re-admittance at the beginning of the third trimester upon recommendation of the administration if there are no further acts of violence or harassment and the student shows academic progress with online course work. Voting aye: Cochrane, Forsythe, Kent, Peterson, Rogers, and Wagner. Voting nay: none. Absent: Merz. Motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Kent, 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: Forsythe, Kent, Peterson, Rogers, Wagner, and Cochrane. Voting nay: none. Absent: Merz. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Time In : 6:32 p.m.
Time Out : 6:47 p.m.
Subject : Expulsion Hearing (second student).

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 6:48 p.m.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Wagner, that the second student who is the subject of this hearing be expelled until the end of the second trimester of the 2012-2013 school year (February 26, 2013) and re-admitted at that time on the condition that the student shows academic progress in online courses. Voting aye: Cochrane, Forsythe, Kent, Peterson, Rogers, and Wagner. Voting nay: none. Absent: Merz. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary