



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

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Special Meeting

February 11, 2013

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by Vice President Forsythe at 7:09 p.m. in the board room, with Secretary Hughes present.

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

Members absent : None.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, FDSH Principal Keane,  
Ms. Carrie Traver, Fort Dodge Senior High Counselor,  
and two interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Closed Session

Moved by Merz, seconded by Peterson, to move 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." A roll call vote was taken and voting aye were: Rogers, Wagner, Cochrane, Forsythe, Kent, Merz, and Peterson; voting nay: none; motion carried.

The Board moved into closed session at 7:09 p.m. Deliberations were held related to consideration of suspension or expulsion. The Board moved back into open session at 7:53 p.m.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Kent, to accept the administrative recommendation to expel the student until the beginning of the next academic school year, 2013-2014, with the opportunity for the student to engage in online learning at home and testing at pre-arranged times at school. Furthermore, if the student violates the conditions of the expulsion or is engaged in illegal acts during the term of the expulsion, that the board, administration, and all other interested parties reconvene to discuss extending the length of the student's expulsion. It is also recommended that the student's readmission be dependent upon the student's willingness to engage in either the academic opportunities the district has offered or in some other form of education. All voting aye, no nays, and no absences. Motion carried.

Adjournment

President Cochrane called for further business, and there being none, he called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary

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