

**Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa  
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting  
Special Meeting  
October 3, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office, with Secretary Utley present.

Members present: Mr. Hansen, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Springer, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Wagner (entered at 5:17 p.m.).

Members absent: Ms. Shimkat.

Others present: Superintendent Ulrich, Principal Davidson, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Director of Communications Lane (entered at 5:17 p.m.), one mass media representative (entered at 5:17 p.m.), and two other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Kent, seconded by Springer, to approve the Board agenda as presented. Five present voting aye, two absent, motion carried.

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

Closed Session

Time in: 5:01 p.m.

Time out: 5:16 p.m.

Subject: Long Term Suspension

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 5:16 p.m.

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Hansen, to suspend the student from the Fort Dodge Middle School 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. Five present voting aye, two absent, motion carried.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

President Cochrane briefly explained the proposal of transitioning the fifth-grade classes to the elementary level. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion. The common consensus is to move the fifth-grade out of the middle school. The Board will hear proposals from the administrative team in the upcoming weeks.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Adriana Utley  
Board Secretary