

Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
Special Meeting
September 16, 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 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office, with Secretary Utley present.

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Ulrich, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Elementary Education Anderson, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Director of Buildings and Grounds Utley, and one mass media representative.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Board Workshop

President Cochrane called on Superintendent Ulrich, who explained the background of the elementary boundaries and building capacity. The current elementary boundaries have resulted in overcapacity at Cooper Elementary for two years. The proposal for consideration would move the fifth-grade classes to the elementary level and various grade reconfigurations were discussed. Implementation of the proposal would allow for utilization of existing District facilities without the need for additions or new space, a balance of the elementary enrollment across the District, preparation for future growth, and alignment of curriculum for better achievement. During and following the discussion, board members asked questions and made comments about the information presented. A public hearing will be held on September 23, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., and action will follow at a later date.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Adriana Utley
Board Secretary

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