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

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Special Meeting

December 7, 2015

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by Mr. Cochrane at 5:30 PM in the Board Room.

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

Members absent : Mr. Kent.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Secretary Hughes, and Assistant Principal  
Astor, the student involved, and the father of the student.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner to approve the board agenda as presented. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Closed Session

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to go 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." On a roll call vote, the following voting aye: Forsythe, Shimkat, Wagner, Springer, Tracy, and Cochrane. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Time In : 5:50 PM

Time Out : 6:00 PM

Subject : Long Term Suspension Hearing.

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 6:00 PM.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Forsythe, that the student who was the subject of the hearing be suspended through one calendar year if there is no substance abuse counselling and training. Included in this recommendation of suspension, the student will be given the opportunity to be readmitted to alternative school at discretion of administration, if appropriate counselling and training was completed.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Forsythe to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary

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