

Des Moines Public Schools  
Board of Directors  
Special Session  
November 5, 2012  
Minutes

The Board met in conference room 6A at 901 Walnut, Des Moines, Iowa, at 5 p.m. on November 5, 2012, to conduct a hearing on the recommendation to expel student 576931 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(e).

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. Board members present were Dick Murphy, Cindy Elsbernd, Connie Boesen, and Teree Caldwell-Johnson. Also present were Patricia Lantz, general counsel for the district; Bryce Amos, executive director for high schools; Steve Johns, East High School principal; Officer Santizo, school resource officer; Chad Street, school improvement leader; and Sgt. Miller, supervisor of SROs.

Ms. Lantz stated the notice was provided to the parent or guardian, who requested an open session. The guardian informed staff today that she would not be present.

Mr. Amos stated the student has a history of habitual disruptive behavior. The district's recommendation is for the student to be expelled from the Des Moines Public Schools for ninety school days with eligibility for reinstatement on April 4, 2013; the student receive a mental health assessment with follow through of all recommendations of the service provider with results submitted in writing to Mr. Amos at 901 Walnut Street; and the student shall not be on any property of the Des Moines Public Schools during the period of expulsion unless prior arrangements have been made and if found on district property, student should be considered trespassing and may be arrested.

To be reinstated, the student must complete the stated recommendations and notify the executive director's office. School placement will be determined by Mr. Amos at that time if stipulations have been met.

Mr. Johns stated the student was involved in an altercation with another student on the afternoon of October 23, 2012. During the process of trying to separate the two students, this student committed level three assaults on two campus monitors.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved approval of the district's recommendation, second by Ms. Elsbernd.

Aye: Murphy, Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd

Nay: None

Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.