

**Des Moines Public Schools  
Board of Directors  
1917 Dean Avenue  
February 25, 2013  
Special Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Chair Dick Murphy on February 25, 2013, at 5:01 p.m. at 1917 Dean Avenue for the purpose of conducting superintendent interviews.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney  
Absent: None

Ms. Boesen made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i): to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session, seconded by Mr. Howard. A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Howard, Jongewaard, Elsbernd, Murphy, Sweeney  
Nay: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

The board met in closed session beginning at 5:02 p.m.

At 6:55 p.m., the board returned to open session.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Howard, Jongewaard, Elsbernd, Murphy, Sweeney  
Mr. Murphy checked to see if anyone was outside for the open session.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson wanted to go on record about the lack of diversity with the final candidates and the message being sent to the community and the rest of the district.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.