

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON EXPULSION HEARING(S)

Wednesday, November 20, 2002 - 10:00 A.M., Board Room

Judy H. Cox, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in special session at its regular meeting place, the Lafayette Parish School Board Administrative Building, Board Room, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at 10:00 A. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy H. Cox, President; Kay Gibson, John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Carl LaCombe, Edward Sam and Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Hefner, Vice President; (Business)

The Chair informed the Committee that the meeting had been called for the purpose of hearing expulsion cases.

I. CASE #WF

The Chair asked the party involved if they wanted an open or a closed session. The party requested that the hearing be held in closed session.

Motion (Gibson, Hardy) that the Committee go into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion (Hardy, Gibson) that the Committee reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hardy, that the Committee readmit Case #WF, 12th grade student at O. Comeaux High on probationary condition, and that he participate in a substance abuse program at O. Comeaux High School. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion (Guidry, Wilson) that the Committee uphold staff's recommendation that Case #WF, 12th grade student at O. Comeaux High School, be expelled and remanded to the L.A.P.S. Program for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year, and that he be allowed to return to O. Comeaux High School after completing the L.A.P.S. program. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

The Chair recessed the meeting until 1:00 P.M.

The Chair reconvened the session.

Wilson exited the meeting.

II. CASE #MS

The Chair asked the party involved if they wanted an open or a closed session. The party requested that the hearing be held in open session.

LaCombe entered the meeting.

Sam entered the meeting.

The Chair called for a five minute recess.

The Chair reconvened the session.

Motion (Guidry, LaCombe) that the Committee go into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion (Gibson, Hardy) that the Committee reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hardy, that the Committee readmit Case #MS, 12th grade student at O. Comeaux High on probationary condition, and that she participate in a substance abuse program at O. Comeaux High School. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion (LaCombe, Gibson) that the Committee uphold staff's recommendation that Case #MS, 12th grade student at O. Comeaux High School, be expelled and remanded to the L.A.P.S. Program for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

The Chair recessed the meeting.

The Chair reconvened the meeting.

III. CASE #GD

The attorney for Case #GD asked the Committee to recuse Lane Roy, Board Attorney from hearing this case.

After some discussion, the Chair asked the Committee for a decision.

Motion (Guidry, Hardy) that Lane Roy, Board Attorney recuse himself from this case.

After some discussion, Guidry withdrew his motion.

Motion (Gibson, Guidry) that the Committee proceed without legal counsel on Case #GD, and shall reserve the right to continue Case #GD if the Committee finds it necessary to do so, and employ legal counsel at that time.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Voting for were Guidry, LaCombe, Hardy, Sam, and Gibson. Voting against was Cox. Motion carried.

Wilson entered the meeting.

The Chair asked the party involved if they wanted an open or a closed session. The party requested that the hearing be held in open session.

Motion (LaCombe, Gibson) that the Committee go into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion (Gibson, LaCombe) that the Committee reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

Motion (Sam, LaCombe) that the Committee uphold staff's recommendation that Case #GD, 12th grade student at O. Comeaux High School, be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED:

/s/Judy H. Cox, President /s/James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer

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