

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 2003 - 2:00 P.M., Board Room

David Thibodaux, 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, May 21, 2003 at 2:00 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Thibodaux, President; John Earl Guidry, Vice-President; Judy H. Cox, Kay S. Gibson, Rickey Hardy, Michael Hefner, Edward J. Sam, and Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl LaCombe (Business)

I. APPEAL HEARING. . .LEONARD HERNANDEZ - BUS DRIVER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

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 (Guidry, Hefner) that the Board go into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion (Guidry, Gibson) that the Board go back into regular session. Motion carried.

Wilson entered the meeting.

Motion (Sam, Hardy) that the Board uphold the Superintendent's recommendation to suspend Leonard Hernandez, bus driver, for thirty (30) days without pay.

A substitute motion was made by Hefner and seconded by Guidry that the Board modify the Superintendent's recommendation to suspend Leonard Hernandez, bus driver, to reflect an average discipline of five (5) days without pay.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion. Voting for were Guidry, Hefner and Thibodaux. Voting against were Hardy, Sam, Cox and Gibson. Wilson abstained from voting. Motion failed.

A substitute motion was made by Cox that the Board suspend Leonard Hernandez, bus driver, for twenty (20) days without pay. Motion died for a lack of second.

A substitute motion was made by Guidry and seconded by Hefner that the Board modify the Superintendent's recommendation to suspend Leonard Hernandez, bus driver, for fifteen (15) days without pay.

After some discussion, Guidry called for the question.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion. Voting for were Guidry, Hefner, Cox, Gibson and Thibodaux. Voting against were Hardy and Sam. Wilson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Guidry, seconded by Hefner and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/David Thibodaux, Ph.D., President /s/James H. Easton, Ed. D., Secretary-Treasurer

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