

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON EXPULSION HEARING(S)

Wednesday, December 3, 2003 - 2:00 P.M., Board Room

Dr. 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, December 3, 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 Cox, Kay Gibson, Michael Hefner, and Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward Sam

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

I. CASE #LC

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

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

A motion was made by Hefner and seconded by Gibson, that the Committee overturn the expulsion recommendation for Case #LC, student at Lafayette High School based on possession of marijuana in vehicle, and uphold expulsion for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year for violation of Lafayette Parish School System's medicine policy.

A substitute motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Guidry, that the Committee overturn the expulsion recommendation for Case #LC, student at Lafayette High School based on possession of marijuana in vehicle, and uphold expulsion for the remainder of the school year for violation of Lafayette Parish School System's medicine policy, and that she be readmitted at the beginning of the second semester if the following conditions are met: (1) a monthly random drug screening test, (2) continue counseling, (3) maintain a 3.0 GPA, and that subsequent to readmission she only ride to and from school with parent or on school bus; and that she be on a probationary period until the end of the school year if there are no major infractions.

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

The Chair called for a roll vote on the original motion. Voting for were Hefner, Cox, Gibson, and Thibodaux. Voting against were Guidry and Wilson. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED:

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

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