

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 16, 2006 – 3:30 P.M., Board Room

Michael C. Hefner, Acting 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, August 16, 2006 at 3:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael C. Hefner, Acting President; John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Carl LaCombe, Edward Sam, David Thibodaux and Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kay S. Gibson, President (business); Judy H. Cox, Vice-President

The Chair called the meeting to order.

I. APPEAL HEARING OF JOHN WELCH, TEACHER, LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL

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.

The attorney for Mr. Welch requested that the Board postpone the hearing until a later date.

Motion (LaCombe, Guidry) that the Board postpone the appeal hearing of John Welch, teacher at Lafayette High School until a later date, and that Lane Roy, attorney, provide Max Jordan, attorney for Mr. Welch with information requested under La. R.S. 17:443 or any other Louisiana mandated law.

A substitute motion was made by Wilson, and seconded by Sam that the Board proceed with the hearing.

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

The Chair recessed the hearing until after the Regular Board Meeting of August 16, 2006.

The Chair reconvened the meeting.

Motion (Sam, Hardy) that the Board uphold Superintendent's recommendation to suspend John Welch, teacher at Lafayette High School for three days without pay because of testing irregularities in accordance with Teacher Tenure Act, R.S. 17:443 willful neglect of duty or incompetency.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Voting for were Hardy, Hefner, Sam and Wilson. Voting against were Guidry, LaCombe and Thibodaux. Motion carried.

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

SIGNED:

/s/ Michael C. Hefner

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Michael C. Hefner, Acting President  
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ James H. Easton

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James H. Easton, Ed. D., Secretary-Treasurer  
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