

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON EXPULSION HEARING(S)

Wednesday, March 21, 2001 - 9:00 A. M., Board Room

Carl LaCombe, 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, March 21, 2001 at 9:00 A. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

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

I. CASE #JMD

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

Motion (Guidry, Gibson) that the Committee go in close session to hear the above case. Motion carried.

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

Motion (Gibson, Cox) that the Committee uphold staff's recommendation that Case #JMD, 12th grade student at Comeaux High School, be expelled from Comeaux High School for twenty-four(24) calendar months.

A substitute motion was made by Guidry and seconded by Wilson that the Committee uphold staff's recommendation and allow Case #JMD, 12th grade student at Comeaux High School, to apply for admission to the L.A.P.S. Program to finish his high school education, and that after the first incident of misbehavior he be removed from the Lafayette Parish School System.

The Chair called for a voice vote. Voting for was Guidry. Motion failed.

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

The Chair called for a ten minute recess.

The Chair reconvened the session.

II. CASE # JC

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

Motion (Wilson,Hefner) that the Committee go in close session to hear the above case. Motion carried.

Thibodaux entered the meeting.

Motion (Hefner, Cox) that the Committee reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

Motion (Hefner, Gibson) that the Committee uphold staff's recommendation that Case #JC, 4th grade student at Live Oak Elementary, be expelled from Live Oak Elementary and remanded to the C.A.P.S. Program. Motion carried.

The Chair called for a five minute recess.

The Chair reconvened the session.

III. CASE #JW

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

Motion (Hefner,Guidry) that the Committee go into close session to hear the above case. Motion carried.

The Chair called for a ten minute recess.

The Chair reconvened the session.

The attorney for Case #JW asked for a recess.

The Chair called for a ten minute recess.

The Chair reconvened the session.

Gibson excused herself from the meeting.

The Chair called for a ten minute recess.

The Chair reconvened the session.

Sam entered the meeting.

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

Motion (Hefner, Guidry) that the Committee uphold staff's recommendation that Case #JW, 7th grade student at Judice Middle School, be expelled from Judice Middle, and that in the event the Board changes the entrance requirements to the C.A.P.S./L.A.P.S. Program, that the parents be allowed to file an application to the C.A.P.S. Program.

A substitute motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Cox that the Committee uphold staff's recommendation that Case #JW, 7th grade student at Judice Middle School, be expelled and remanded to the L.A.P.S. Program.

After further discussion, Hefner withdrew his motion.

The substitute motion becomes the original motion. The Chair called for a voice vote on the original motion. Voting for were Guidry, Cox, Sam, Hefner, Wilson and LaCombe. Voting against was Thibodaux. Motion carried.

The Chair called for a ten minute recess.

The Chair reconvened the session.

Gibson entered the meeting.

IV. CASE #CF

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

Motion (Hefner, Wilson) that the Committee go in close session to hear the above case. Motion carried.

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

Motion (Cox, Thibodaux) that the Committee uphold staff's recommendation that Case #CF, 7th grade student at L.A.P.S. Program, be expelled from the L.A.P.S. Program and that the Courts consider whether Case #CF can attend the Volunteer of Americas Day School Program. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED:

/s/Carl LaCombe, President /s/James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer

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