

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 - 2:00 P.M., Board Room

Dr. David G. 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, March 16, 2005 at 2:00 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David G. Thibodaux, President; John Earl Guidry, Vice-President; Judy H. Cox, Kay S. Gibson, Michael Hefner, Carl LaCombe, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rickey Hardy, Edward J. Sam, and Beverly Wilson

The President called the meeting to order.

I. APPEAL HEARING. . .CHRIS BECNEL PRATT, TEACHER AT MILTON 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 closed session.

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

After some discussion, the attorney for Pratt requested that the hearing be canceled.

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

Motion (Cox, Gibson) that the Board continue with the scheduled hearing. Motion carried.

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

After some discussion, the Chair recessed the hearing until after the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2005.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and Hardy and Sam entered the meeting.

After some discussion, Sam exited the meeting.

Motion (Hardy, Cox) that the Board go back into regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hardy that the Board uphold Superintendent's recommendation to suspend Pratt for three days without pay. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion (Guidry, LaCombe) that the Board go into executive session. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

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

Motion (Hardy, Hefner) that the Board uphold Superintendent's recommendation to suspend Chris Becnel Pratt for three days without pay as a result of neglecting her duty by leaving her class unattended, and also failure to follow a directive from the principal and Supervisor of Physical Education. Motion carried.

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

SIGNED:

/s/ David Thibodaux

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David G. Thibodaux, Ph.D., 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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