

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 21, 2005 - 1:30 P.M., Board Room

John Earl Guidry, 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, September 21, 2005 at 1:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rickey Hardy, Carl LaCombe (Business), David Thibodaux and Beverly Wilson (Business)

The Chair called the meeting to order.

I. APPEAL HEARING OF DAVID PIPKIN, TEACHER, LIVE OAK ELEMENTARY

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 (Gibson, Sam) that the Board go into executive session to hear the case of David Pipkin, teacher at Live Oak Elementary. Motion carried.

Jeff Kology, LAE representative for Mr. Pipkin, requested that the Board recess the hearing to allow him to conduct legal research.

Motion (Hefner, Cox) that the Board go back into regular session. Motion carried. Sam requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Hefner, Cox) that the Board deny Mr. Kology's request to recess the hearing to allow him to conduct legal research. Motion carried. Sam requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Hefner, Cox) that the Board go into executive session to continue hearing the case of David Pipkin, teacher at Live Oak Elementary. Motion carried. Sam requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Sam exited the meeting.

The Chair called for a five (5) minute recess.

Sam entered the meeting.

The Chair resumed the meeting.

Motion (Gibson, Cox) that the Board go back to regular session. Motion carried.

Motion (Cox, Hefner) that the Board uphold staff's recommendation to suspend David Pipkin, teacher at Live Oak Elementary for one day without pay because of testing irregularities.

A substitute motion was made by Sam that Mr. Pipkin be given a letter of reprimand in lieu of a one day suspension without pay. The substitute motion died for a lack of a second.

The Chair called for a voice vote on the original motion. Motion carried. Sam requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

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

SIGNED:

/s/ John Earl Guidry

John Earl Guidry, President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ James H. Easton

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