

STUDENT HEARING

GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MAX. D. WALKER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
35 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD
QUINCY, FLORIDA

July 6, 2023

4:00 P.M.

A hearing for student case #123-2223-0231 convened at 4:07 p.m.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Leroy McMillan, Chairman; Mrs. Karema D. Dudley; Ms. Cathy S. Johnson; and Mr. Steve Scott. Also present were Mr. Elijah Key, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Charlie D. Frost was absent.

The proceedings were electronically recorded.

Mr. McMillan made the following announcement: "This is not a court of law. This is a School Board Hearing. All rules that normally apply to a court trial do not necessarily apply here. This hearing is closed to the public unless the parent waives his right." He stated that the father of student #123-2223-0231 has expressed the desire for due process as provided for under Florida Statutes 120.57 and 1001.42. He stated that pursuant to the father's request for a hearing, he has the right to representation by counsel and the opportunity to present evidence and testimony as to why the School Board should not act favorably on the recommendation of expulsion of student #123-2223-0231. He stated that by law, expulsion hearings are exempt from the public meetings act; however, the parent has the right to waive the exemption and have an open hearing pursuant to Section 286.001, F.S.

Mr. McMillan stated for the record that the father of student #123-2223-0231 did not waive his right and the hearing was closed to the public.

Mr. McMillan stated that the hearing for student #123-2223-0231 was for fighting.

The father of student #123-2223-0231 stated that the hearing was requested because he wants his student to have another chance to attend school.

The following witnesses were present for the hearing. 1) father of student #123-2223-0231; and 2) student #123-2223-0231.

Sworn testimony was given by the following witnesses: 1) father of student #123-2223-0231; and 2) student #123-2223-0231.

Mr. McMillan recessed the hearing at 4:45 p.m. for deliberation and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

Following discussion, the Board gave consensus to expel student #123-2223-0231 for time served from May 9, 2023 through May 31, 2023; and be administratively placed at Carter Parramore Academy for the entire 2023 – 2024 school year.

The hearing adjourned at 5:05 p.m.