

STUDENT HEARING

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

July 6, 2023

5:00 P.M.

A hearing for student case #124-2223-0231 convened at 5:15 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 her right." He stated that the mother of student #124-2223-0231 has expressed the desire for due process as provided for under Florida Statutes 120.57 and 1001.42. He stated that pursuant to the mother's request for a hearing, she 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 #124-2223-0231. 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 mother of student #124-2223-0231 did not waive her right and the hearing was closed to the public.

Mr. McMillan stated that the hearing for student #124-2223-0231 was for fighting.

The mother of student #124-2223-0231 stated that the hearing was requested because she wants her student to have another chance to attend school.

The following witnesses were present for the hearing. 1) Major Willie Jackson, Principal of Carter Parramore Academy; 2) mother of student #124-2223-0231; 3) student #124-2223-0231; and 4) grandparents of student #124-2223-0231.

Sworn testimony was given by the following witnesses: 1) Major Willie Jackson, Principal of Carter Parramore Academy; 2) mother of student #124-2223-0231; 3) student #124-2223-0231; and 4) grandfather of student #124-2223-0231.

Mr. McMillan recessed the hearing at 5:35 p.m. for deliberation and reconvened at 5:47 p.m.

Following discussion, the Board gave consensus to rescind the expulsion recommendation and allow student #124-2223-0231 to return to Carter Parramore Academy and continue the ESE evaluation process.

The hearing adjourned at 5:55 p.m.