

## STUDENT HEARING

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

October 3, 2023

6:00 P.M.

A hearing for student case #12-2324-0231 convened at 6:10 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 #12-2324-0231 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 #12-2324-0231. 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 #12-2324-0231 did not waive her right and the hearing was closed to the public.

Mr. McMillan stated that the hearing for student #12-2324-0231 was for fighting.

The following witnesses were present for the hearing. 1) Dr. Loietta Holmes, Acting Principal of Carter Parramore Academy; 2) Mrs. Jeanne Gunn, Guidance Counselor at Carter Parramore Academy; 3) mother of student #12-2324-0231; and 4) student #12-2324-0231.

Sworn testimony was given by the following witnesses: 1) Dr. Loietta Holmes, Acting Principal of Carter Parramore Academy; 2) Mrs. Jeanne Gunn, Guidance Counselor at Carter Parramore Academy; and 3) mother of student #12-2324-0231.

Based on the new evidence, the hearing ended to allow an ESE manifestation to be conducted. Student #12-2324-0231 will be temporarily placed at Gadsden Central Academy. Student #12-2324-0231 was instructed not to report to school until Thursday to allow the ESE department to begin the process.

The hearing adjourned at 6:45 p.m.