



## Duval County Public Schools

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January 18, 2011, Special Board Meeting - Student Expulsion Hearings

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Chairman  
Ms. Betty Burney, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Martha Barrett  
Ms. Becki Couch  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee  
Ms. Paula D. Wright  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING - STUDENT EXPULSION HEARINGS - with Ms. Betty Burney, Vice Chair, Board Members: Ms. Becki Couch, Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee and Ms. Paula D. Wright, present. Chairman W. C. Gentry and Board Member Martha Barrett were absent.

Call Meeting To Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The Vice Chairman called the Special meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Alternative Education - Behavioral Support

[1. EXPULSION OF J.P.](#)

Minutes:

Present:

Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent  
Ms. Bea Lewis, Hearing Officer  
Ms. Sonita Young, Executive Director, Policy and Compliance

Ms. Gloria Lockley, General Director, Alternative Ed/Behavioral Support  
Ms. Dana Kriznar, Executive Director, Alternative Ed/Behavioral Support  
Dr. Kris Larsen, Supervisor, Alternative Ed/Behavioral Support  
Ms. Sylvia Irvin, Assistant Federal Public Defender  
Mr. Vincent Hall, Principal, Joseph Stilwell Middle School  
Ms. Mary Cohen, Assistant Principal, Joseph Stilwell Middle School  
Officer S. R. Clifton, SRO at Joseph Stilwell Middle School  
Mr. Ray Guillebeau, Security, Joseph Stilwell Middle School  
Mr. Carlos Brown, Security, Joseph Stilwell Middle School  
Ms. Keba Jolly, Parent  
J.P., Student

Ms. Lewis distributed informative information regarding the following:

J.P., a 15 year old student at Joseph Stilwell Middle School was charged with a 4.08 - Possession of a Firearm. On September 2, 2010, a student reported to school security that J.P. had a gun on the bus. Security Officer Brown located J.P. The student removed a .25 caliber pistol and a bullet from his pocket.

Florida Statute 1006.13, Policy of Zero Tolerance from Crime and Victimization, states that each district School Board shall adopt a policy of Zero Tolerance. The Zero Tolerance policy shall require students found to have committed one of the following offenses to be expelled, with or without continuing educational services, from the student's regular school for a period of not less than one (1) full year, and to be referred to the Criminal Juvenile Justice system.

(a) Bringing a firearm or weapon, as defined in Chapter 790, to school, to any school function, or possessing a firearm in school.

The Duval County Code of Student Conduct establishes the School Board's policy on Zero Tolerance offenses. Code 4.08, Possession of Firearms, states that any student who is determined to have brought a firearm as defined in 118 U.S.C. 921, to school, to any school function, or on any school-sponsored transportation will be expelled, with or without continuing educational services, from the student's regular school for a period not less than one (1) full year. (The expulsion requirement is subject to modification, on a case-by-case basis, as allowed by law.) A student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school will be referred for criminal prosecution.

Due to the seriousness of J.P.'s offense and the requirements of 18 U.S.C. 921, to expel students who possess a firearm at school, it is recommended that J.P. be expelled for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year and all of the 2011-2012 school year with continuing services.

Speakers:

Ms. Sonita Young, Executive Director, Policy and Compliance  
Ms. Bea Lewis, Hearing Officer  
Ms. Keba Jolly, Parent  
J.P., Student  
Mr. Vincent Hall, Principal, Joseph Stilwell Middle School

Officer S. R. Clifton, SRO, Joseph Stilwell Middle School  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Mr. Carlos Brown, Security, Joseph Stilwell Middle School  
Ms. Mary Cohen, Assistant Principal, Joseph Stilwell Middle School  
Mr. Fel Lee, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice Chair  
Ms. Gloria Lockley, General Director, Alternative Ed/Behavioral Support  
Ms. Sylvia Irvin, Assistant Federal Public Defender

Mr. Hazouri said that we need to do more with tracking down the guns that are found.  
Mr. Hazouri offered a motion to uphold the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel with continuing educational services at Grand Park Alternative Center and that the judge look at J.P.'s evaluation when she makes her final decision.

Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

Speakers:

Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Mr. Fel Lee, Board Member  
Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent

Ms. Wright offered an amendment to the motion to recommend continuing educational services effective September 2, 2010 for a period of one year, September 1, 2011.

Mr. Hazouri seconded the amendment.

Ms. Burney requested a review of J.P.'s progress and court findings be brought back to the Board before September 1, 2011, as well.

Vote: PASS

Betty Burney - Aye  
Becki Couch - Aye  
Tommy Hazouri - Aye  
Fel Lee - Aye  
Paula D. Wright - Aye

[2. EXPULSION OF L.C.](#)

Minutes:

Present:

Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent  
Ms. Bea Lewis, Hearing Officer  
Ms. Sonita Young, Executive Director, Policy and Compliance

Ms. Gloria Lockley, General Director, Alternative Ed/Behavioral Support  
Ms. Dana Kriznar, Executive Director, Alternative Ed/Behavioral Support  
Ms. Iranetta Wright, Principal, Andrew Jackson High School  
Mr. Christopher Jackson, Assistant Principal, Andrew Jackson High School  
Dr. Marilyn Myers, Principal, Duval Virtual Instructional Academy  
Mr. Albert Smith, ISSP Coordinator, Andrew Jackson High School  
Detective Don Schoenfeld, School Board Police  
Officer Douglas Molina, JSO, Arresting Officer  
Mr. Leon Brown, SRO, Andrew Jackson High School  
Mr. Leonard Cross, Jr., Parent  
Ms. Ray Tanaylyn Burney, Parent  
L.C., Student

Ms. Lewis distributed informative information regarding L.C.:

L.C., an 18 year old student at Andrew Jackson High School was charged with a 4.08 - Possession of a Firearm. On the morning of November 15, 2010, a private citizen who lives across the street from the school on West 28th Street, called the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) to report that she witnessed a student placing a gun underneath the trash dumpster which sits on the campus of Jackson High School. The dumpster was placed under surveillance. L.C. was observed looking under the dumpster several times. He was detained and L.C. admitted placing the gun under the dumpster because he did not want to bring it into the school building.

Florida Statute 1006.13, Policy of Zero Tolerance for Crime and Victimization, states that each district School Board shall adopt a policy of Zero Tolerance. The Zero Tolerance shall require students found to have committed one of the following offenses to be expelled, with or without continuing educational services, from the student's regular school for a period of not less than one (1) full year, and to be referred to the Criminal Juvenile Justice system.

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Due to the seriousness of L.C.'s offense and the requirements of 18 U.S.C. 921, it is recommended that L.C. be expelled for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year and all of the 2011-2012 school year with continuing services.

Speakers:

Ms. Ray Burney, Parent

Mr. Leonard Cross, Jr., Parent  
L.C., Student  
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice Chair  
Ms. Iranetta Wright, Principal, Andrew Jackson High School  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Officer Douglas Molina, JSO  
Officer Leon Brown, SRO, Andrew Jackson High School  
Detective Don Schoenfeld, School Board Police  
Mr. Albert Smith, ISSP Coordinator, Andrew Jackson High School  
Mr. Fel Lee, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member

Deputy Superintendent Patricia Willis read the district's recommendation that L.C. enter the Drop Back In program and uphold the expulsion with continuing educational services for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year and all of the 2011-2012 school year.

Ms. Kriznar stated that there are several locations for the Drop Back In program and we try to place students nearest the home. There is one location at Potter's House on the westside of Jacksonville.

Mr. Hazouri offered a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation; Ms. Wright seconded the motion. Mr. Hazouri requested to share what the School Board is recommending to Judge Morrow and stipulate that L.C. will continue to receive educational services. Perhaps, this will help in making his decision.

Speakers:

Ms. Sonita Young, Executive Director, Policy and Compliance  
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice Chair

Vote: PASS

Betty Burney - Aye  
Becki Couch - Aye  
Tommy Hazouri - Aye  
Fel Lee - Aye  
Paula D. Wright - Aye

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Special meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman