

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

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| KENNETH L. POPE,       | : | CASE NO. 1978-5 |
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| Appellant,             | : |                 |
|                        | : |                 |
| vs.                    | : |                 |
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| DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF | : |                 |
| EDUCATION,             | : |                 |
|                        | : |                 |
| Appellee.              | : |                 |

O R D E R


The appeal in this matter was filed on January 25, 1978, and the hearing was scheduled for April 10, 1978. The Appellant did not submit a brief or appear at the hearing, even though Appellant's counsel was aware of the hearing date.

The appeal submitted alleges that the decision appealed from was made by the DeKalb County Board of Education on May 24, 1976. Approximately 19 months passed before the decision was appealed. Georgia Code Ann. §32-910 and Appeals Policy 05-316 require an appeal to be made within thirty (30) days after a local board renders a decision. Since the appeal was not made within thirty (30) days, the

State Board of Education does not have statutory jurisdiction over this matter.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the appeal herein be and is hereby dismissed.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1978

  
THOMAS K. VANN, JR.  
Vice Chairman of Appeals