

O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160 provides that appeals can be heard by the State Board of Education from decisions made by local boards of education on contested issues of school law after a hearing by the local board. A local board decision regarding site selection, assignment of students, or the naming of schools, is an administrative decision and does not involve the interpretation of school law. See, Murray Parks. et al. v. Meriwether Cnty. Bd. of Educ., Case No. 1987-1 (Ga. SBE 1987); Concerned Citizens Against School Site v. Cobb Cnty. Bd. of Educ., Case No. 1985-8 (Ga. SBE 1985); Colegrove v. Clarke Cnty. Bd. of Educ., Case No. 1982-11 (Ga. SBE, 1982).

In the instant case, Appellant has not shown that the decision to close Wells High School and to rename Campbell High School is anything other than a policy or administrative decision. The Local Board did not conduct any quasi-judicial hearings; it conducted meetings and obtained citizen input concerning the issues. These meetings are insufficient to provide the State Board of Education with jurisdiction under O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160.

Since the State Board of Education lacks jurisdiction in this matter, the appeal is hereby
DISMISSED.

This 10th day of August, 1989.

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