

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**PATTI JARRIEL,**

**Appellant,**

v.

**TOOMBS COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION,**

**Appellee.**

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**CASE NO. 1990-37**

**DECISION**

This is an appeal by Patti Jarriel (“Appellant”) from a decision by the Toombs County Board of Education (“Local Board”) to remove a bus driver from a part of her route where parents had complained about the bus driver. Appellant is a resident of Lyons, Georgia and has two children who attend Lyons Elementary School in Toombs County. Appellant instituted this appeal on her own behalf and that of several other parents whose children also attend the Lyons school. The appeal is dismissed.

On October 2, 1990, Appellant addressed the Local Board in an open session concerning the alleged misconduct of a bus driver assigned to the route into her neighborhood. The Local Board decided to accept the Local Superintendent’s recommendation to transfer another driver to the route for a period of two weeks and assign the original driver to another route within Lyons. The Local Board also ordered the transportation director to submit a report on the matter at the next regular meeting.

At the Local Board’s October 16, 1990 meeting, Appellant and several other parents demanded the transfer of the original bus driver to another community. The Local Board decided that the original bus driver would retain her route with the elimination of the section where the complaints arose.

After its October 16, 1990 decision, the Local Board did not take any further action concerning the matter. Appellant filed a motion for reconsideration, but the Local Board did not

take any action on the motion at its November 13, 1990 meeting. On December 11, 1990, Appellant appealed to the State Board of Education under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160.

O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1660 permits appeals from decisions made by a local board of education that involve the interpretation or administration of school law. Additionally, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160 provides for appeals to the State Board of Education by any party aggrieved by a local board's decision. Finally, an appeal has to be taken to the State Board of Education within 30 days after the local board makes a decision. In this case, the action taken by the Local Board was purely administrative and did not involve the interpretation or administration of school law. Additionally, Appellant has failed to show where she or any of the other parents were aggrieved by the Local Board's decision. Finally, the appeal was not made until almost two months after the Local Board made its decision. There is no provision to extend the appeal time because a motion for reconsideration was made upon which no action was taken.

The State Board of Education has previously decided that an appeal by a parent from a decision of a local board of education concerning the discipline of an employee should be dismissed because it does not state any basis for appeal. Josh P. v. Pickens Cnty. Bd. of Ed., Case No. 1986-17 (St. Bd. of Ed.) Similarly in this case, an appeal concerning the movement of an employee does not state any basis for appeal.

Since Appellant has not shown that she or any other parents have been aggrieved by the Local Board's decision and the decision was a purely administrative decision, the appeal is hereby  
DISMISSED.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1991.

Larry A. Foster  
Vice Chairman For Appeals