STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATE OF GEORGIA

ADAM S., :

:

Appellant,

: CASE NO. 1994-11

vs. :

: DECISION

HENRY COUNTY :

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

:

Appellee. :

Adam S. (Student) appeals from a decision by the Henry County Board of Education (Local Board) to uphold a December 7, 1993, decision of a Student Disciplinary Tribunal to suspend him for the remainder of the 1993-1994 school year because he brought brass knuckles to school. The Student claims the punishment is too harsh.

"The control and management of the public schools constitutionally rests with the county board of education and such control and management will not be interfered with except where that control and management is contrary to law. <u>See. Colson v. Hutchinson</u>. 205 Ga. 559, 67 S.E.2d 764 (1951); <u>Boney v. County Board of Education for Telfair County</u>. 203 Ga. 152 (1947)." <u>Martinius C. v. Griffin-Spalding County Bd. of Educ.</u>, Case No. 1992-12 (Ga. SBE, Jul. 9, 1992).

The Student has not shown that the Local Board abused its discretion or that the decision is otherwise contrary to law. The Local Board's decision, therefore, is

SUSTAINED.

This 12th day of May, 1994.

Mr. Billingslea, Mrs. King, Mr. Sessoms and Mr. Williams were not present. Mr. Lathem's seat is vacant to his resignation effective December 31, 1993.

Robert M. Brinson Vice Chairman for Appeals