

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

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| CONCERNED CITIZENS OF THE |) | |
| WADLEY SCHOOL AREA, |) | CASE NO. 1987-39 |
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| Appellants, |) | |
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| v. |) | |
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| JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD |) | |
| OF EDUCATION, |) | DECISION |
| Appellee. |) | |

PART I

SUMMARY

This is an appeal by a group of concerned citizens of Jefferson County residing in the Wadley School District (hereinafter “Appellants”) from a decision of the Jefferson County Board of Education (hereinafter “Local Board”) to deny Appellants’ motion to reconsider the Local Board’s decision to remove the ninth grade from Wadley Junior High School. Appellants contend on appeal that the reasons for removing the ninth grade were not sufficient.

PART II

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

The Local Board held a meeting at which Appellants requested the Local Board to reconsider a decision to remove the ninth grade from Wadley Junior High School. The Local Board members listened to the Appellants’ arguments and then refused to reconsider their decision. Appellants’ arguments were based upon the fact that Appellants did not believe the Local Board’s action was in the best interest of the students, and that the action resulted from

the Local Board allowing students to attend other schools out of the district, thus improperly reducing the attendance of Wadley Junior High School. Appellants filed this appeal on August 13, 1987.

The decision of the Local Board is, therefore,

SUSTAINED.

LARRY A. FOSTER, SR.
Vice Chairman for Appeals