

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

JEAN BOATRIGHT,	:	
	:	
Appellant,	:	
	:	CASE NO. 1988-49
v.	:	
	:	DECISION
HOUSTON COUNTY	:	
BOARD OF EDUCATION,	:	
	:	
Appellee.	:	

This is an appeal by Jean Boatright (“Appellant”) from a decision by the Houston County Board of Education (“Local Board”) to uphold a decision by a principal to remove Appellant as a band chaperone. The appeal is dismissed because the State Board of Education lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter.

Appellant was serving her second year as a chaperone for the high school band. When her daughter was accused *of* misconduct during a home football game, Appellant believed her daughter was innocent and defended her. The high school principal then notified Appellant that she could no longer serve as a band chaperone because she did not support the school. When Appellant appealed the matter to the Local Board, the Local Board upheld the principal’s decision. Appellant then appealed to the State Board of Education.

There are no state laws governing the appointment of chaperones; the matter is left entirely within the absolute discretion of the local boards of education. A decision concerning the appointment of chaperones does not involve a decision about the interpretation and administration of school law, as required by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160. The State Board of Education, therefore, does not have any jurisdiction to rule on Appellant’s appeal. Appellant’s appeal, therefore, is hereby

DISMISSED.

Unanimously. Mr. Carrell was not present.

This day of February, 1989.

John M. Taylor
Vice Chairman For Appeals