

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

<b>NORDELIA J. BURNS,</b>	:	
<b>KENNETH CIRAVEL, MARY C.</b>	:	
<b>COMBS, BARBARA GETER,</b>	:	
<b>LAURIE GURLEY, ANN</b>	:	
<b>FRANCES VINSON, and DIANE</b>	:	
<b>L. WELLER,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Appellants,</b>	:	
	:	<b>CASE NO. 1992-20</b>
<b>vs.</b>	:	
	:	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>CLARKE COUNTY</b>	:	
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Appellee.</b>	:	

This is an appeal by Nordelia J. Burns, Kenneth Ciravel, Mary C. Combs, Barbara Geter, Laurie Gurley, Ann Frances Vinson and Diane L. Weller (Appellants) from a decision by the Clarke County Board of Education (Local Board) not to renew their contracts for the 1992-1993 school year. Appellants were assigned to the Rutland Psychoeducational Center, for which the Local Board served as fiscal agent. Appellants' contracts were not renewed because the fiscal agency for the Rutland Psychoeducational Center was to be transferred from the Local Board to the Northeast Georgia Regional Educational Services Agency on July 1, 1992. Following the Local Board's decision not to renew Appellants' teaching contracts, Appellants requested hearings under the provisions of the Fair Dismissal Act, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-940 *et seq.* Before the Fair Dismissal Hearing was held by the Local Board, six of the Appellants signed contracts with the Northeast Georgia Regional Educational Services Agency and a seventh signed a contract with Jackson County Board of Education.

Following the Fair Dismissal hearing, the Local Board sustained its original decision not to renew the Appellants' contracts. Appellants filed an appeal with the State Board of Education, then withdrew the appeal, and three days later sought to reinstate the appeal. No action was taken concerning the appeal after the Local Board sought to have the appeal dismissed because of the withdrawal and subsequent attempt to reinstate.

The issues raised by the appeal are moot, and were moot at the time the appeal was filed with the State Board of Education, because each of the Appellants accepted positions with another employer prior to the hearing before the Local Board. The appeal, therefore, is hereby DISMISSED.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1994.

Mrs. King, Mr. Sessoms, Dr. Thomas and Mr. Williams were not present.

Robert M. Brinson  
Vice Chairman for Appeals