

**U.S. District Court  
Western District of Louisiana (Shreveport)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 5:65-cv-11501-SMH-MLH**

Gilbert et al v. Webster Parish  
Assigned to: Chief Judge S Maurice Hicks, Jr  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Mark L Hornsby  
Cause: 28:1331 Federal Question: Other Civil Rights

Date Filed: 10/25/1965  
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Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/25/1965	<u>1</u>	PAPER DOCKET SHEET of filings made through March 19, 2006. (crt,Yocum, M) (Entered: 04/06/2006)
04/06/2006	<u>2</u>	RESPONSE: Report by School Board of Webster Parish in compliance with Section IX, Page 21 with attached letter from Wayne Williams, Jr to Honorable Judge S Maurice Hicks.(crt,Yocum, M) (Entered: 04/06/2006)
11/19/2008	<u>3</u>	Ex Parte MOTION to Serve <i>Party</i> by School Board of Webster Parish. Motions referred to Mark L Hornsby. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of proposed order)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 11/19/2008)
11/19/2008	<u>4</u>	MOTION Modify Promotional Policy as to Child Nutrition Supervisor by School Board of Webster Parish. Motions referred to Mark L Hornsby. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum / Brief, # <u>2</u> Exhibits, # <u>3</u> Text of proposed order)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 11/19/2008)
11/19/2008		Motions Transferred regarding <u>3</u> Ex Parte MOTION to Serve <i>Party</i> . Motions referred to S Maurice Hicks. (crt,Alexander, E) (Entered: 11/19/2008)
11/19/2008	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Motion Setting regarding <u>4</u> MOTION Modify Promotional Policy as to Child Nutrition Supervisor. Motions referred to S Maurice Hicks. (crt,Alexander, E) (Entered: 11/19/2008)
11/20/2008	<u>6</u>	ORDER granting <u>3</u> Motion to Serve Party. Signed by Judge S Maurice Hicks on 11/20/08. (crt,Williams, L) (Entered: 11/21/2008)
11/25/2008	<u>7</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Arthur G Thompson, 1116 Pierre Ave, Shreveport LA 71103, re: <u>5</u> Notice of Motion Setting without date returned marked: Not deliverable as addressed – unable to forward. Action taken: unable to locate current contact on Mr Thompson. (crt,Williams, L) (Entered: 12/05/2008)
12/01/2008	<u>8</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Arthur G Thompson, 1116 Pierre Ave, Shreveport LA 71103 re: <u>6</u> Order on Motion to Serve returned marked: undeliverable. Action taken: unable to locate current contact on Mr Thompson. (crt,Williams, L) (Entered: 12/08/2008)
12/08/2008	<u>9</u>	ORDER granting <u>4</u> Motion to Modify Promotional Policy as to Child Nutrition Supervisor. Signed by Judge S Maurice Hicks on 12/08/08. (crt,Williams, L) (Entered: 12/08/2008)
12/11/2008	<u>10</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Arthur G Thompson, 1116 Pierre Ave, Shreveport LA 71103 re: <u>9</u> Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief returned marked: unable to locate current contact information on Mr Thompson. (crt,Williams, L) (Entered: 12/16/2008)
10/19/2009	<u>11</u>	LETTER from Wayne Williams Jr, Superintendent Webster Parish School, dated 10/14/2009 to Honorable Judge S Maurice Hicks regarding the compliance with Section IX, Page 211. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Attachment) (crt,Reasor, M) (Entered: 10/20/2009)
10/19/2009	<u>12</u>	LETTER from Kevin J Washington, Supervisor of Child Welfare & Attendance, Webster Parish School Board, dated 10/14/2009 to Honorable Judge S Maurice Hicks attaching the requests and approvals for transfer for the school year 2009-2010. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Attachment) (crt,Reasor, M) (Entered: 10/20/2009)

04/13/2011	<u>13</u>	MOTION to Modify Student Assignment Plan by School Board of Webster Parish. Motions referred to Mark L Hornsby. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Memorandum / Brief, # <u>5</u> Text of proposed order)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 04/13/2011)
04/13/2011	<u>14</u>	MOTION to Expedite consideration of <u>13</u> MOTION to Modify Student Assignment Plan by School Board of Webster Parish. Motions referred to Mark L Hornsby. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum / Brief, # <u>2</u> Text of proposed order)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 04/13/2011)
04/13/2011	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Motion Setting regarding <u>13</u> MOTION to Modify Student Assignment Plan. Motions referred to S Maurice Hicks. (crt,Alexander, E) (Entered: 04/13/2011)
04/13/2011		Motions Transferred regarding <u>14</u> MOTION to Expedite consideration of <u>13</u> MOTION to Modify Student Assignment Plan. Motions referred to S Maurice Hicks. (crt,Alexander, E) (Entered: 04/13/2011)
04/15/2011	<u>16</u>	ORDER granting <u>14</u> Motion to Expedite. The Motion to Modify Student Assignment Plan is set for hearing on 5/12/2011 at 1:30 p.m. Signed by Judge S Maurice Hicks on 4/15/2011. (crt,McDonnell, D) (Entered: 04/15/2011)
04/15/2011		Set Deadlines as to <u>13</u> MOTION to Modify Student Assignment Plan: Motion day set for 5/12/2011 01:30 PM in Shreveport, Courtroom 1 before Judge S Maurice Hicks. (crt,McDonnell, D) (Entered: 04/15/2011)
04/20/2011	<u>17</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Arthur G Thompson on behalf of Blaine Gilbert, Valerie Jean Green, Beverly Leshay Hampton, Elaine Mason, Reni Mason, 1116 Pierre Ave; Shreveport, LA 71103, re: <u>15</u> Notice of Motion Setting without date returned marked: unable to locate current contact information. (crt,Yocum, M) (Entered: 04/26/2011)
04/25/2011	<u>18</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Arthur G Thompson, 1116 Pierre Ave; Shreveport, LA 71103, re: <u>16</u> Order on Motion to Expedite returned marked: unable to locate current contact information. (crt,Yocum, M) (Entered: 04/28/2011)
05/12/2011	<u>19</u>	MINUTES for proceedings held before Judge S Maurice Hicks: MOTION HEARING held on 5/12/2011 re <u>13</u> MOTION to Modify Student Assignment Plan filed by School Board of Webster Parish. The Court took the matter under advisement. A written ruling will issue in due course. (crt,McDonnell, D) (Entered: 05/12/2011)
05/12/2011	<u>20</u>	WITNESS LIST filed (restricted access) re oral argument on <u>13</u> Motion to Modify Student Assignment Plan. (crt,McDonnell, D) (Entered: 05/12/2011)
05/12/2011	<u>21</u>	EXHIBIT LIST filed re oral argument on <u>13</u> Motion to Modify Student Assignment Plan. (crt,McDonnell, D) (Entered: 05/12/2011)
05/12/2011	<u>22</u>	MINUTE ENTRY: Briefing and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding "next friend" issues are due within 5 days. Signed by Judge S Maurice Hicks on 5/12/11. (crt,McDonnell, D) (Entered: 05/12/2011)
05/19/2011	<u>23</u>	PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT by School Board of Webster Parish. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum of Law, # <u>2</u> Table of Authorities)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 05/19/2011)
05/23/2011	<u>26</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Arthur G Thompson, Stone & Thompson, 1116 Pierre Ave, Shreveport, LA 71103, re: <u>19</u> Motion Hearing returned marked: Return to Sender – Attempted – Not Known – Unable to Forward. (crt,Alexander, E) (Entered: 05/26/2011)
05/23/2011	<u>27</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Arthur G Thompson, Stone & Thompson, 1116 Pierre Ave, Shreveport, LA 71103, re: <u>22</u> Minute Entry returned marked: Return to Sender – Attempted – Not Known – Unable to Forward. (crt,Alexander, E) (Entered: 05/26/2011)
05/24/2011	<u>24</u>	MEMORANDUM RULING granting <u>13</u> MOTION to Modify Student Assignment Plan filed by School Board of Webster Parish. Signed by Judge S Maurice Hicks on 5/24/11. (crt,McDonnell, D) (Entered: 05/24/2011)

05/24/2011	<u>25</u>	ORDER granting <u>13</u> Motion to Modify Student Assignment Plan. The Webster Parish School Board is authorized to proceed with implementation of the outlined program of school consolidation and the redrawing of the school attendance zones. FURTHER ORDERED that the Webster Parish School Board provide the Court with a written report detailing its recruitment efforts to attract minority teachers in six months. Signed by Judge S Maurice Hicks on 5/24/11. (crt,McDonnell, D) (Entered: 05/24/2011)
06/01/2011	<u>28</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Arthur G Thompson, Stone & Thompson, 1116 Pierre Ave, Shreveport, LA 71103, re: <u>24</u> Memorandum Ruling returned marked: Return to Sender – Attempted – Not Known. (crt,Alexander, E) (Entered: 06/13/2011)
06/06/2011	<u>29</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Arthur G Thompson, Stone & Thompson, 1116 Pierre Ave, Shreveport, LA 71103, re: <u>25</u> Order on Motion to Modify Student Assignment Plan returned marked: Return to Sender – Attempted – Not Known – Unable to Forward. (crt,Alexander, E) (Entered: 06/13/2011)
03/19/2013	<u>30</u>	RESPONSE by Verdis Gilbert re <u>25</u> Order. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(crt,Putch, A) (Entered: 03/20/2013)
03/19/2013	<u>31</u>	RESPONSE by School Board of Webster Parish re <u>25</u> Order. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(crt,Putch, A) (Entered: 03/20/2013)
04/01/2013	<u>32</u>	LETTER from Sael E Mims to Honorable Judge Maurice Hicks requesting to be enrolled as an additional plaintiff. (crt,Kennedy, T) (Entered: 04/02/2013)
05/08/2013	<u>33</u>	LETTER from Sael E Mims to Honorable Judge Maurice Hicks regarding the Joint Petition for Further Relief (dated 6/2/1981) and the Supplemental Joint Petition for Further Relief (dated 6/29/1981) as they pertain to the subject, Civil Action Case No. 11,501. (crt,Kennedy, T) (Entered: 05/10/2013)
06/12/2013	<u>34</u>	LETTER from Samuel E Mims to Honorable Judge Maurice Hicks. (crt,Kennedy, T) (Entered: 06/13/2013)
07/19/2013	<u>35</u>	LETTER from Samuel E Mims to Honorable Judge Maurice Hicks (crt,Kennedy, T) (Entered: 07/22/2013)
10/15/2013	<u>36</u>	STATUS REPORT – <i>October 15th Report</i> by School Board of Webster Parish. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Ex. 1, # <u>2</u> Ex. 4)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 10/15/2013)
10/15/2013	<u>37</u>	SEALED DOCUMENT: Exhibits 2–3 by School Board of Webster Parish re <u>36</u> Status Report. (aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 10/15/2013)
12/23/2013	<u>38</u>	MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status , MOTION to Dismiss Webster Parish School Board by School Board of Webster Parish. Motions referred to Mark L Hornsby. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum / Brief, # <u>2</u> Table of Contents, # <u>3</u> Table of Authorities, # <u>4</u> Exhibits A–B, # <u>5</u> Exhibit C, # <u>6</u> Exhibit D 1–15, # <u>7</u> Exhibit D 16–30, # <u>8</u> Exhibit D 31–44, # <u>9</u> Exhibit D 45–58, # <u>10</u> Exhibit D 59–72, # <u>11</u> Exhibit D 73–86, # <u>12</u> Exhibit D 87–100, # <u>13</u> Exhibit D 101–107, # <u>14</u> Exhibits E–H, # <u>15</u> Exhibit I, # <u>16</u> Exhibit J 1–23, # <u>17</u> Exhibit J 24–47, # <u>18</u> Exhibit J 48–64, # <u>19</u> Exhibit J 65–81, # <u>20</u> Exhibits K–L)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 12/23/2013)
12/26/2013	<u>39</u>	NOTICE of Motion Setting regarding <u>38</u> MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status, MOTION to Dismiss Webster Parish School Board. Motions referred to S Maurice Hicks. (crt,Yocum, M) (Entered: 12/26/2013)
01/06/2014	<u>40</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Arthur G Thompson, Stone & Thompson, 1116 Pierre Ave, Shreveport, LA 71103, re: <u>39</u> Notice of Motion Setting without date returned marked: Return to Sender, Not Deliverable as Addressed, Unable to Forward. Action taken: Unable to locate current contact info. SBA 1/6/13. (crt,Kennedy, T) (Entered: 01/07/2014)
05/13/2014	<u>41</u>	JUDGMENT granting <u>38</u> Motion for Declaration of Unitary Status and to Dismiss. All previous injunctions and orders granted by this Court are hereby VACATED AND LIFTED. This Court's supervision over the Webster Parish Public Schools and the Webster Parish School Board is hereby terminated. Signed by Judge S Maurice Hicks on 05/13/2014. (crt,McDonnell, D) (Entered: 05/13/2014)

05/19/2014	<u>42</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Arthur G Thompson; Stone & Thompson; 1116 Pierre Ave; Shreveport, LA 71103, re: <u>41</u> Judgment, returned marked: Return to Sender – No Such Number – Unable to Forward. Action taken: Unable to locate current contact info. SBA 5/20/2014. (crt,Yocum, M) (Entered: 05/21/2014)
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