



City of Baker School Board Meeting January 10, 2017

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board met in regular session in the Board Room of the City of Baker School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on January 10, 2017.

Mrs. Shona P. Boxie, Board President, called the meeting to order.

A roll call was taken by Mrs. Boxie:

CARPENTER:	Present
DEES:	Present
DAVIS:	Present
JOHNSON:	Present
BOXIE:	Present

A moment of silent meditation was led by Mrs. Davis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Dees. Mrs. Boxie welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the agenda. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

The next item of business was Election of Board Officers. Dr. Carpenter nominated Mrs. Rosatina Johnson for Board President. Mrs. Johnson seconded. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None. Mrs. Davis nominated Dr. Carpenter for Board Vice President. Mr. Dees seconded. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None. The new City of Baker School Board Officers for 2017 are:

Mrs. Rosatina Johnson – President
Dr. Dana Carpenter – Vice President

The new Board Officers were sworn in by Mr. Winston DeCuir, Board Attorney.

Superintendent Brister presented outgoing Board President, Mrs. Shona P. Boxie, with a plaque in appreciation for her service to the school system in 2016. In addition, Mrs. Boxie was also presented with a framed picture of herself, highlighting her accomplishments during her term as President. Mrs. Elaine G. Davis, Board President in 2015, was also presented with a framed picture of herself highlighting her accomplishments during her term as President.

Mrs. Boxie read a proclamation from Governor John Bel Edwards recognizing the month of January as “School Board Member Recognition Month.” The proclamation is nicely framed and will be hung in the Board Room.

Mrs. Rosatina Johnson took over as Board President and conducted the remainder of the Board Meeting.

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Superintendent Brister introduced the new Principal of Baker Middle School, Mr. Ferrante Dominique, and asked him to briefly address the Board.

The Board heard from Mr. Michael Bonner, Operations Division, NorthStar Recovery Services, Inc., on progress that has been made in the repair and restoration at Baker High School from the flood. Mr. Keith Tillage, President of Tillage of Tillage Construction, addressed the Board on the program management of the Baker High School Restoration Project.

On motion of Mr. Dees seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 6, 2016. Voting yes: Johnson, Carpenter, Boxie, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent's certified personnel recommendations and to approve the non-certified personnel recommendations. Voting yes: Johnson, Carpenter, Boxie, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve Hearing Procedures for City of Baker School System certified staff. Voting yes: Johnson, Carpenter, Boxie, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding By and Between School Board and Charter School, pursuant to Act 480 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session. Voting yes: Johnson, Carpenter, Boxie, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to grant approval for the Baker High School track team to travel to Houston, Texas on January 13-15, 2017, to participate in the University of Houston's Carl Lewis Invitational Track Meet. Voting yes: Johnson, Carpenter, Boxie, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Brister made the following announcements/remarks:

1. The Baker High School "Symphony of Soul" will be traveling to Dallas, Texas to compete in the 2017 Heritage Festival April 6-9, 2017.
2. The Annual Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) Convention will be held February 9-11, 2017, in New Orleans at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. If you are interested in attending, please let Mrs. Dedeaux know so that she can get you registered.
3. We need to begin to think about resuming our strategic planning sessions.
4. Our Baker High School boys' and girls' basketball teams will be playing tonight at Glen Oaks High School.

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Mrs. Johnson thanked those in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the City of Baker School Board Office.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Voting yes: Johnson, Carpenter, Boxie, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Dr. Herman Brister, Secretary.