

City of Baker School Board
Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
School Board Office

Joyce Burges, President – Presiding

“Educational leadership is about implementing learning plans that build pathways for children to succeed.”
— Joyce Burges

A. Meeting Commencement

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Silent Meditation
4. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome of Visitors

C. Recognitions

1. Middle School Band

D. Approval of Agenda (Action)

E. Action Items-The public may comment on Action Items. Public Comment is limited to 2 minutes per individual.

1. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from the School Board Meeting of October 1, 2024.

F. Information Items

1. Superintendent's Report on Personnel

G. Announcements

1. Date of Next Meeting – December 3, 2024

2. Adjournment (Action)



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City of Baker School Board Meeting October 1, 2024

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

Mrs. Burges called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose of the public hearing: To consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next year from the increased millage is \$2,623,169.75, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$275,920.30.

Mr. Scott Lazarone, with Faulk & Winkler, CPA and Board Attorney Brandon DeCuir explained the process further and answered questions from the public.

Hearing no further comments or questions from the public and board members, President Burges announced the public hearing was closed

President Burges called the public meeting to order and explained to visitors the process for speaking on action agenda items is to request a comment card from Mrs. Debbie Dedeaux. Write your name on the card as well as the number of the agenda item you wish to speak on and return the card to Mrs. Dedeaux. She will bring the card up to the Board President at the appropriate time. Visitors will be allowed two (2) minutes to speak.

Mrs. Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting and took roll call:

Perkins: Present
Profit: Present
Joseph: Present
Butler: Present
Burges: Present

President Burges announced there was a quorum and the meeting would proceed.

President Burges requested that everyone stand for a moment of silent meditation. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions:

1. Dr. Candance Russell, Principal of Baker High School, read a proclamation from Mayor President Sharon Weston Broome of East Baton Rouge Parish, recognizing the re-opening of Baker High School following the devastating flood of 2016.
2. The Homecoming Courts from Baker High School, Baker Middle School/Park Ridge Academic Magnet School, and Baker Heights Elementary School/Park Ridge Academic Magnet School were recognized and presented with certificates.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the meeting agenda. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Action Items:

1. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from the School Board Meeting of September 3, 2024
On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the School Board Meeting of September 3, 2024. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.
2. Adopt the Adjusted Millage Rates
Ms. Butler made a motion to adopt the adjusted millage rates. Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Profit. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph. The motion passed with a 2/3 vote.
3. Set Forth the Adjusted Millage Rate(s) and Roll Forward to Millage Rate(s) Not Exceeding the Maximum Authorized Rate(s)
Ms. Butler made a motion to set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s). Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Profit. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph. Since the rolling forward of the adjusted millage rates requires a majority (4 out of 5 board members), the motion failed.
4. Consideration and Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports including Budget to Actual Comparisons for the Periods Ending July 31, 2024, and August 31, 2024
On motion of Ms. Butler with a second by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial reports including budget to actual comparisons for the periods ending July 31, 2024, and August 31, 2024. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.
5. Consideration and Approval of the Following Updates and Policies:
On motion of Mrs. Profit with a second by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the following updates and policies:
 - i. A-5.2 QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
 - ii. B-3 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CONTINUING EDUCATION
 - iii. B-12.1 NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
 - iv. D-7.4 PURCHASING
 - v. DJEB COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) DISASTER RECOVERY
 - vi. F-9.2 COMPENSATION
 - vii. F-11.4 SICK LEAVE

- viii. F-11.4b SICK LEAVE BANK
- ix. H-3.5b CORPORAL PUNISHMENT
- x. H-3.6 STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
- xi. H-3.6b IMMUNIZATIONS
- xii. H-3.6c ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION
- xiii. H-3.6i BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

6. Consideration and Approval of Change Order 10 for the Baker High School Construction Project

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to table approval of Change Order 10 until the November 5, 2024 Board Meeting. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

F. Information Items

1. Superintendent's Report on Personnel

A report on all personnel actions was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

G. Announcements:

1. Date of Next Meeting -- November 5, 2024

H. Adjournment:

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Submitted by J.T. Stroder, Secretary.