



## CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING January 14, 2014

### MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board met in the Board Room of the School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on January 14, 2014. Mrs. Shona Boxie, Board President, called the meeting to order.

A roll call was taken by Mrs. Boxie:

WATSON:	Present
ALEXANDER:	Present
BOXIE:	Present
CARPENTER:	Present
DAVIS:	Present

A moment of silent meditation was led by Dr. Carpenter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Alexander. Mrs. Boxie welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to begin the election of Board officers process. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander, Davis and Watson. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Davis made a motion to nominate Dr. Carpenter as President. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boxie. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Alexander and Watson. The motion passed.

Dr. Carpenter made a motion to nominate Mrs. Davis as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boxie. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Alexander and Watson. The motion passed.

Dr. Carpenter and Mrs. Davis were sworn in by Attorney Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Dr. Carpenter took over the meeting.

Mrs. Davis thanked Mrs. Boxie for her outstanding service as Board President.

Dr. Carpenter asked the Board and the Superintendent for their support so that great things could be done for the students and the city of Baker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the agenda. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis and Boxie. Voting no: Alexander and Watson. The motion passed.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 3, 2013. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander and Boxie. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Watson.

Ms. Watson asked that it be written into the Board minutes that she was absent from the November Board meeting due to illness, and she had missed the December Board meeting because of a death in her family.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Appointments. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander, Davis and Watson. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Joseph introduced new staff: Ms. Mary McManus, Principal of Baker Middle School, and Mr. Jerry Payne, Principal of Bakerfield Elementary School.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the annual financial audit report for the year ended June 30, 2012 from Postlethwaite & Netterville. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Alexander.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to join the class action suit against the State of Louisiana filed by the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board seeking to recover the 2.75% growth factor for fiscal year 2012-13 that was not paid by the State. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Baker School Board to purchase the Graves Chevrolet property, and authorizing the Superintendent to execute necessary documents and take any actions he feels are necessary on behalf of the Board. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to authorize the acceptance of the lowest bid and enter into a contract with J&J Electrical Instrumentation Service in the amount of \$702,000 (\$532,000 base bid, and \$170,000 alternate one) for lighting replacement at Baker Heights Elementary School, Bakerfield Elementary School, Park Ridge Academic Magnet School and Baker Middle School. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to authorize the acceptance of the lowest bid and enter into a contract with Star Mechanical in the amount of \$105,936 for the removal of the old and replacement of a new RTU at Baker Middle School. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Joseph reported that as requested by the Board, the District had requested bids from firms to conduct an assessment of salary schedules. At this point in time the District has only received one (1) bid, so additional time will be needed.

Mr. Winston DeCuir, Sr., Attorney for the Board, provided an update on Act 1. The judge has ruled that Act 1 is void. However, the ruling is being appealed so as of this date Act 1 is still in force.

Mrs. Tammy Armand-Golden, Principal of Park Ridge Academic Magnet School, reported that the study being done on the feasibility of adding three (3) grade levels to Park Ridge Academic Magnet School, making it a K-8 school was still a work in progress. So far additional classroom space has been identified, it has been determined that no additional transportation will be needed, additional staffing and instructional needs have been determined. It was requested that additional parents be added to the Feasibility Committee. A recommendation should be ready for approval by the Board's February meeting.

Mr. Clay Slagle, Program Manager with Volkert, Inc., reported on the Baker High School Auditorium (McConnell Auditorium) Project. Demolition and asbestos abatement has been completed. The metal stud framing on the wall and ceiling has been installed, and the conduit for lighting and sound systems and the HVAC duct has been installed. At this time, the project is on schedule for a completion date of March 30, 2014.

Superintendent Joseph made the following remarks/announcements:

1. The Baker City Council is recognizing the City of Baker School Board at its meeting tonight for initiating the renovation of the auditorium at Baker High School. As the City Council's meeting is at the same time as the School Board, Mr. Horace White will attend the Council meeting to accept the certificate on behalf of the Board.
2. The Baker High School Band will be playing in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade on January 20, 2014.
3. The Baker High School Choir will perform at the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) Convention scheduled for January 20-23, 2014, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge.
4. The District is working with East Baton Rouge Parish to partner in a Pre-K grant.
5. Friday, January 17, 2014, is a professional development day for teachers.

Dr. Carpenter thanked those in attendance for coming and following discussion among Board members, announced that the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Watson seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Ulysses Joseph, Superintendent.