



**CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2013**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board met in the Board Room of the School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on June 18, 2013, Mrs. Shona Boxie, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Boxie opened the meeting by asking if there were any comments or questions from the public on the adoption of millage rates for 2013 or any other items on the agenda.

Hearing none, a roll call was then 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 Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the agenda. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander, Davis and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 7, 2013. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander, Davis and Watson. Voting no: None.

There was no old business.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to adopt the following millage rates for 2013:

Constitutional Tax	5.00 mills
Special School Maintenance (Voter Approved Millage)	38.20 mills

Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander, Davis and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School Board amended operating budget for 2012-2013. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander, Davis and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the Superintendent's personnel actions. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: Watson.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the job description for "Lawn Care Groundskeeper and Maintenance Generalist" with noted corrections. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Davis and Watson. Voting no: Alexander.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the renewal of the policy updating service with Forethought Consulting, Inc. for the period July, 2013 through June, 2014. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander, Davis and Watson. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Davis to approve a letter of engagement with Postlethwaite and Netterville to conduct a financial audit of the City of Baker School Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carpenter. A substitute motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to hire Mrs. Mary Sue Stages to conduct the financial audit. The motion died for lack of a second. A vote on the original motion was taken. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Davis and Watson. Voting no: Alexander.

A motion was made by Ms. Watson to approve a memorandum of understanding with Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) for training for individuals interested in pursuing a career in construction with emphasis on welding and pipefitting and any other construction training. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carpenter. Following discussion, a substitute motion was made by Mrs. Davis to approve the memorandum of understanding as a pilot program to run from August, 2013 to August, 2014 with emphasis on welding and pipefitting. Dr. Carpenter seconded the motion and later withdrew his second. After further discussion, Ms. Watson amended her original motion to read approval of the memorandum of understanding as a pilot program for one year with the dates to run from August, 2013 to August, 2014 and the focus to be on welding and pipefitting, with the caveat that if the program is successful and there is a desire for more construction courses to be added, BRCC may come back to the Board for approval of these courses. The amended motion was seconded by Dr. Carpenter. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander, Davis and Watson. Voting no: None. The motion passed.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to have State Surplus pick up the following inoperable busses for disposal:

- 1991 D/800 Blue Bird International Bus (Asset Tag #1608)
- 1989 D/800 Blue Bird International Bus (Asset Tag #14668)
- 1986 D Blue Bird International Bus (Asset Tag #8084)
- 1989 Blue Bird International Bus (Asset Tag #1304)
- 1988 Ford International Bus (Asset Tag #1464)

Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Davis and Watson. Voting no: Alexander

Dr. Carpenter updated the Board and those in attendance at the meeting on efforts to secure another location for the City of Baker School Board Office: Several locations have been looked at such as the NASA Building on the campus of Park Ridge Elementary, the old Albertson's building in the Plank Crossing Shopping Center, and the old Graves Chevrolet building on Plank Road. There is also the option of building a School Board Office to consider.

Mr. Clay Slagle, with Volkert Inc., provided the Board with a written update on the progress of the renovations being made at Baker High School.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to discontinue the use of the Teacher Assistance Program (TAP) at Baker Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Davis and Watson. Voting no: Alexander.

Superintendent Joseph made the following announcement:

- LEAP summer remediation is currently underway at Baker Heights Elementary School and Baker Middle School. Baker Heights had 65 students registered, with 61 actually attending, and Baker Middle School had 95 students registered, with 78 actually attending.

Mrs. Boxie announced that a Board Work Session would be held on Thursday, June 20th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the renewal of health insurance for 2013-2014.

Mrs. Boxie thanked those in attendance for coming and announced that the next regular meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Watson, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Ulysses Joseph, Secretary.