



City of Baker School Board
June 1, 2021
MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting via Zoom beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

President Parker was unable to connect to the Zoom meeting so Vice President Boxie conducted the meeting in her absence.

Vice President Boxie explained that while conducting Board Meetings via Zoom, the public can attend the meeting and also ask questions/make comments by using the email address: comments@bakerschools.org. Since the meeting is virtual, all votes will be taken by roll call.

Vice President Boxie called the meeting to order and took roll call:

BURGES:	Present
BOXIE:	Present
DAVIS:	Present
BOOKER:	Present
PARKER:	Absent

A moment of silent meditation was led by Mrs. Davis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Booker.

Vice President Boxie welcomed all persons participating in the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to adopt the *Certification of Inability to Achieve In-person Quorum & Notice to Meet through Electronic Means*. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to consider all items on the agenda (Act 42 of 2020, 2nd Extraordinary Session). Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

At this time, Mrs. Burges asked to go on record as stating that AT&T was currently working on her Internet connection and she might lose connectivity with the School Board meeting.

Superintendent Perry presented Quest to Excellence Awards to the following persons:

- Mr. James Holmes
Coach James Holmes is the Dean of Students at Baker High School. He also serves as the Head Coach for the boys' basketball team, Head Coach for the girls' softball team, and Assistant Coach for the girls' basketball team. He has been coaching for fifteen years. Coach Holmes believes that coaching is his ministry. He says that, "Helping to develop young boys into men is his passion."

The Baker High School Boys' Basketball Team was also recognized:

Cody Howard	Jayden Neff
Jakori Rogers	Tyler Brown
Kaleb Huggins	Carl Milton
Keshaun Chenevert	Martez Covington

- Ms. Antonia Caine

Antonia Renee' Caine is the Baker High School girls' and boys' track and field Head Coach. She is a life-long learner and experienced educator dedicated to the field of education for more than twenty years. Ms. Caine is a product of the City of Baker School System. She earned a four-year Track & Field Scholarship to Southern University. Antonia Caine is excited to unite her experience, her openness to learn, and child-centered approach to support our students.

The Baker High School Boys' and Girls' Track & Field Teams were also recognized:

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Caleb Thomas	Nevaeh Kimmie
Jeremiah Howard	O'darrionna Finley
Kaleb Huggins	Taliyah Harper
Jakhari Rogers	Jordan Harris
	Imani Mellion
	Chyna Royal
	Taliyah Harper
	Serenity McNulty

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 4, 2021. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the Superintendent's non-certified appointments and to accept the certified appointments. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

At this time, Mrs. Burges lost connectivity to the School Board meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School System 2019-2020 Amended Operating Budget as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager, and to approve a loan in the amount of \$335,000.00 to School Food Service. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and Parker.

At this time, President Parker was able to connect to the School Board meeting by telephone.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending April 30, 2021 as presented by Mrs. Stewart. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to renew the policy updating service with Forethought Consulting, Inc. for the period July, 2021 through June, 2022. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

At this time, Mrs. Burges was able to re-connect to the School Board meeting.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to renew the contract with Key Rehab Associates to provide occupational therapy services to City of Baker School System students. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Board Attorney Brandon DeCuir informed the Board that a contract, similar to Superintendent Brister's, had been prepared for Dr. Perry to serve as Superintendent. The term of the contract is for twenty-four months. As required by the State, performance goals and objectives will be developed by the School Board President, Vice President and Superintendent within 60 days after the contract has been signed, and will be brought back to the full Board for approval. These goals and objectives will be used for the Superintendent's July, 2022 evaluation.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve a contract with Dr. De'Ette Perry as Superintendent of the City of Baker School System. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Perry made the following remarks:

1. Our STEAMsational Summer Academies started today; I stopped by each site this morning, and we are off to a wonderful beginning. It was great to observe our elementary, middle, and high school students and teachers engaged in interactive learning and enrichment activities. A special thanks to our students who are participating in our STEAMsational Summer Academies!
2. We are also providing two additional summer programs at Baker High School: Summer Credit Recovery and Summer School. For more information, please contact the Guidance Office at Baker High School, 225-775-1259.
3. Our Exceptional Student Services (ESS) Supervisor, Mrs. Tammy Hill is planning an ESS Boot Camp on July 12-14, 2021 for principals, ESS teachers, professional school counselors, and ESS staff. Registration is occurring right now.
4. Finally, it is with a heart full of fond memories, that I share the passing of our former school board member, Mr. Calvin Dees, Sr. Mr. Dees will be remembered for his dedication and commitment to excellence in the City of Baker School System. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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President Parker thanked those participating in the meeting and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by De'Ette Perry, Ed.D., Secretary.