



**City of Baker School Board  
March 2, 2021**

**MINUTES**

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting via Zoom beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

President Parker 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](mailto:comments@bakerschools.org). Since the meeting is virtual, all votes will be taken by roll call.

President Parker called the meeting to order and took roll call:

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

A moment of silent meditation was led by Mrs. Burges, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Deanna Johnson's pre-kindergarten class from Baker Heights Elementary School, Ms. Candace Bailey, Principal.

President Parker welcomed all persons participating in the meeting.

President Parker asked for a motion to accept and adopt the certification of the inability to conduct an in-person meeting by the City of Baker School Board on March 2, 2021, and to proceed with the meeting by electronic means.

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: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

The next item was to consider all items on the agenda because they were critical and time sensitive (Act 42 of 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Session). At this time, it was suggested that Agenda Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 19 be tabled until the next school board meeting due to the fact that Interim Superintendent De'Ette Perry and Board Attorney Winston DeCuir, Sr. were unable to attend the meeting and their input was needed in order for the Board to make informed decisions.

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

Dr. William Earvin, Interim Coordinator of Professional Development, recognized Mr. Mitch Jackson as the recipient of the Quest to Excellence Award. Mr. Jackson has been a huge supporter of the City of Baker Schools. Through the years, he has been a mentor to students and has been a staunch supporter of Baker High School athletics. He has helped the boys' and girls' basketball teams and has aided with the maintenance of our athletic fields. From volunteering

City of Baker School Board Minutes

March 2, 2021

Page 2

with the football coaching staff to coaching wrestling, Mr. Jackson has faithfully supported his Alma Mater.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 2, 2021. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Mr. David Grisby, Human Resources Supervisor, presented the Superintendent's Personnel Appointments. On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the non-certified personnel appointments and to accept the certified personnel appointments. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending January 31, 2021, as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Mr. Grisby presented the City of Baker School System calendar for the 2021-2022 SY. On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School System calendar for 2021-2022 SY. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Mr. Michael Faulk presented an update on the City of Baker School Board's Superintendent Search:

- Eight (8) applications were received by the postmarked due date of February 12, 2021
- Board Members have received copies of all applications
- At this time, he and Mr. David Grisby are clarifying and verifying certification issues with the Louisiana Department of Education
- Board Members have received the results from the survey posted on the District's website identifying the community's priorities for the District
- He will hold a meeting with the Board, Mr. David Grisby and Mr. Winston DeCuir, Sr. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the interview process, interview questions, etc.

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, April 13, 2021, instead of April 6<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the School Board voted to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

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