



City of Baker School Board
July 6, 2021
MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting via Zoom beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 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. 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. Davis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Burges.

President Parker welcomed all persons participating in the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Burges, 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.

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented with the following revision to Item #19: "Consideration and Approval to Solicit Bids for Child Nutrition Program: Milk and Milk Products, Frozen Food Products, Processed Food Products, and Supplies and Equipment". Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Perry presented the Quest to Excellence Award to:

- Ms. Jaymya Joubert

Ms. Joubert is the daughter of Shawndrecka and John Parker, and the sister to five sisters. She has been the recipient of numerous scholarships, and she was the Baker High School Valedictorian for the class of 2021. She was co-captain of the Baker High School cheerleading team while holding down a job. She participated in the Deca club, student orientation staff, and the educators rising program. She plans to attend Southeastern Louisiana University in the fall, where she will major in early childhood education with the goal of becoming a kindergarten teacher. Ms. Joubert lives by the following quote, "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising everytime we fall" – Nelson Mandela.

- Superintendent Perry recognized Mr. Roy C. Walker, Retiring Principal of Baker Middle School, and presented him with a plaque in honor of his 23 years of loyal and dedicated service to education.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve a resolution to hold election in the City of Baker School District for the renewal and levy of special ad valorem taxes in said district and making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 1, 2021. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the job description for "Family Liaison". Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, and Burges. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Davis. (Mrs. Davis stated she was abstaining because she received the job description and the job appointee at the same time.)

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the Superintendent's non-certified appointments and to accept the certified appointments. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None. (Mrs. Davis stated she felt the Central Office was becoming top heavy with staff and less heavy in the schools.) (Mrs. Burges stated for the record that she was in favor of the personnel appointments as long as they were helpful in increasing the student enrollment and rebuilding Baker High School.)

Mrs. Stewart, Business Manager, presented the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending May 31, 2021. (Following Mrs. Stewart's presentation Mrs. Davis asked if stipends for non-certificated support staff were included in the 2021-2022 budget. Mrs. Stewart replied "yes" that the supplements for non-certificated support staff would be paid using a combination of ESSER Funds and General Funds. Mrs. Davis asked how much the supplement would be, and Mrs. Stewart replied between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per non-certificated support employees. Certificated staff who are not classroom teachers will fall under General Funds and will receive between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Certificated classroom teachers will be paid through ESSER Funds.) A vote was taken. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the property insurance, liability insurance and workers compensation packages from ACE/Chubb for 2021-2022 plan year. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to elect uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily coverage with a \$250,000 limit to the automobile policy, and further moved to authorize Dr. De'Ette Perry, Superintendent, to sign on behalf of the City of Baker School Board to elect uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily coverage to the automobile policy. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Davis made a motion to approve the Health Care and Supplemental Insurance Packages for 2021-2022, with the addition that the City of Baker School Board will absorb the entire rate increase of \$25,061 so that no employee will have an increase in their payroll deduction for insurance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Burges. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the awarding of contracts for janitorial paper and chemical supplies to: Economical Paper and Janitorial Supply, and Interboro Corporation. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the solicitation of bids for the Child Nutrition Program: milk and milk products, frozen food products, processed food products, and supplies and equipment. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the following Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's):

- MOU with Southern University for 2021-2022 Dual Credit Program
- MOU with Southern University for Residency Teacher Education Program
- MOU with iteachLOUISIANA for Recruitment, Identification, and Development of Candidate Pool and other Responsibilities
- MOU with Louisiana Resource Center for Educators (LRCE) for Recruitment, Identification, and Development of Candidate Pool and other Responsibilities
- MOU with Louisiana State University for Assignment and Supervision of Teacher Candidates
- MOU with Louisiana State University for Creation, Delivery, and Maintenance of a STEM Teacher Alternative Certification Program for Middle and Secondary
- MOU with Louisiana State University, Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Certification Pathways for the 2021-2022 school year starting with the summer 2021 Virtual Summer Training Institute
- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program agreements

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

Superintendent Perry made the following announcements:

1. Superintendent Perry expressed her sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who participated in the STEAMSATIONAL summer program: the students, parents, teachers, coordinators, and school leaders. The program was well-attended and students and teachers had a wonderful time learning together.

President Parker thanked those participating in the meeting and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held Tuesday, August 3, 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 7:25 p.m.

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

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