



**City of Baker School Board  
Public Hearing/Meeting  
September 9, 2021  
MINUTES**

The City of Baker School Board held a public hearing via Zoom beginning at 6:16 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

Vice President Boxie announced that President Parker was running a little late and she would conduct the meeting until President Parker was able to log on, if everyone was in agreement.

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

Vice President Boxie called the public hearing to order and explained the purpose of the public hearing was to consider approval of the City of Baker School Board proposed operating budget for 2021-2022.

Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager, presented the proposed operating budget and asked if there were any questions from the Board or listening audience.

There were no questions so the public hearing was adjourned.

Vice President Boxie called the public 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 Mrs. Burges.

Vice President Boxie welcomed all persons participating in the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Davis 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: Booker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

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

President Parker joined the meeting by telephone at 6:44 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. 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 minutes from the meeting of August 3, 2021. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

There was no old business.

A motion was made by Mrs. Davis to adopt the City of Baker School Board operating budget for 2021-2022 and take the one-time \$1 Million from the pipeline and set it aside for the restoration of Baker High School. 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 vehicle physical damage insurance for 2021-2022 with Houston Specialty Insurance Company. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to accept the certified personnel recommendations and to approve the non-certified personnel recommendations. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Davis said the District needed to hire another custodian at Baker High School. Currently, there is only 1 custodian at the High School which is not enough, especially with the Pandemic. Mrs. Burges agreed.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Booker, the Board voted to approve the following new/modified policy for inclusion in the City of Baker School Board Policy Manual:

- FILE: F-9.17  
**Retirement**

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 following Exceptional Student Services Contracts:

- Brad Batiste, LMSW (to provide school social work services)
- Rosalind M. Hudson, Ed.S. (to provide education diagnostician services)
- Kelyshia Kelly (to provide speech language therapy services)\*

\*As a speech language pathology assistant, she will be supervised by a licensed speech language pathologist.

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

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to award bids to the following vendors for School Food Services:

- Pons Food Corporation (Frozen Foods and Processed Foods)
- Bordens Dairy (Milk and Milk Products)
- Economical Paper and Cleaning Supplies (Cleaning Supplies)

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

Superintendent Perry presented the following proposed revisions to the City of Baker School System 2021-2022 Calendar due to the school system being closed August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup> because of Hurricane Ida:

- Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>: Full Instructional Day (Teachers and Students)  
**Current calendar has this day as a Professional Learning Day with only Teachers attending.**
- Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>: Full Instructional Day (Teachers and Students)  
**Current calendar has this day as a Professional Learning Day with only Teachers attending.**
- Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>: Full Instructional Day (Teachers and Students)  
**Current calendar has this day as an Early Release for the BHS Homecoming Parade.**
- Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: Full Instructional Day (Teachers and Students)  
**Current calendar has this day as an Early Release for Exams.**
- Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: Full Instructional Day (Teachers and Students)  
**Current calendar has this day as an Early Release for Exams.**

Following discussion motion was made by Mrs. Burges and seconded by Mrs. Parker to approve the revisions to the 2021-2022 School Calendar, with the exception of Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, which will remain as an Early Release Day for Exams. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School System Pupil Progression Plan Addendum. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Perry made the following remarks:

1. To promote a healthy and safe environment in our schools, under the leadership of Mr. Rodney Craig, our Physical Plant and Facilities Technician, we have successfully installed an air purification device in all classrooms. The air purifiers are an additional layer of mitigation measures against the spread of COVID-19 in the schools. We will continue to wear masks, wash and sanitize hands, and practice social distancing.

Mrs. Davis said the Board needed to schedule a time to meet to review the Specific Objectives and Targets to be added to the Superintendent's contract. It was decided that Brandon DeCuir, Board Attorney, would coordinate a date and time for a work session for this.

Mrs. Parker thanked those participating in the Board Meeting and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, October 5, 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 7:31 p.m. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None.

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