



**City of Baker School Board Meeting
January 11, 2022**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting via Zoom beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022

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

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

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

President Parker welcomed all persons participating in the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, 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, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and.

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the agenda with the deletion of the word "Daycare" from Item #16. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

An election of school board officers was held:

Ms. Booker nominated Mrs. Boxie for President. Mrs. Parker seconded. A vote was taken. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

Mrs. Boxie nominated Ms. Booker for Vice President. Mrs. Parker seconded. A vote was taken. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

The new City of Baker School Board officers are:

President: Mrs. Shona P. Boxie
Vice President: Ms. Sharlous Booker

The new School Board officers were sworn in by Attorney DeCuir.

President Boxie took over the meeting.

Recognitions:

- Mrs. Parker was recognized as the outgoing President of the City of Baker School Board and presented with a plaque of appreciation by Superintendent Perry.
- In recognition of January being “School Board Member Recognition Month,” each Board Member received a framed certificate in appreciation for “Rising Above”: Hard Work, Dedication & Leadership” presented by Superintendent Perry.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 7, 2021. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

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

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 November 30, 2021. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to approve the Proces Verbal and Proclamation of the Canvass of Votes Cast at the Special Election in the City of Baker on December 11, 2021, regarding Renewal of the Ad Valorem Tax. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to approve amending the City of Baker School System’s Re-Opening Plan to include the updated COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree for K-12: Responding to Symptomatic Individuals and Responding to Close Contacts. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

Mr. John Arrasmith, ELA Specialist, presented information on the Louisiana Department of Education’s Strong School Systems Initiative. The City of Baker School System is participating in this endeavor as “Buffalo Strong”. Mr. Arrasmith provided an overview, an update, and discussed the next steps to be taken.

It was decided the Board would conduct a work session on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 to hear the Strong School Systems Initiative: Buffalo Strong Diagnostic Report, facilitated by Ms. Victoria Vasquez, and to participate in a review and discussion facilitated by Board Attorney DeCuir, of new/amended policies for inclusion in the City of Baker School Board Policy Manual.

Superintendent Perry made the following remarks:

1. Congratulations to Jayden Neff, Baker High School Student! Tonight Jayden will surpass 1000 career points in basketball. There will be a presentation before the game to celebrate this milestone. The Varsity Game begins at 7:00 p.m. Congratulations Jayden Neff and family!
2. Special thanks to Mr. Robert Young, Councilman of District 4, for his donation of 25 American flags for the classrooms at Baker Heights Elementary School.
3. Also, special thanks to Chief Carl Dunn and the Baker Police Department for a donation of \$3,000 to the Baker High School Track and Field Program.

President Boxie thanked those participating in the School Board Meeting and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges.

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