



**City of Baker School Board Public Hearing/Meeting  
September 13, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The City of Baker School Board held a public hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

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 2022-2023.

Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager, and Mr. Scott Lazarone, with Faulk & Winkler, presented the proposed operating budget and asked if there were any questions from the Board or the public. Following questions, the public hearing was adjourned.

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

BURGES:	Present
DAVIS:	Present
BOOKER:	Absent
PARKER:	Absent* (President Boxie announced Mrs. Parker was running late.)
BOXIE:	Present

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

President Boxie welcomed all persons in attendance.

President Boxie announced that before approval of the agenda, the agenda needed to be amended to add the following items:

- #2 Acceptance of a \$1,000 donation by Best Choice Roofing to Baker Middle School
- #3 Consideration and Approval for Baker High School students to travel to Jackson, Mississippi to participate in Jackson State University's "High School Day 2022," September 24-25, 2022.

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

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 2, 2022. Voting yes: Burges, Davis, and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Booker, and Parker.

There was no old business.

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On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School Board operating budget for 2022-2023. Voting yes: Burges, Davis, and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Booker, and Parker.

Mr. Wayne Ransom with Best Choice Roofing presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Ms. Antonia Caine, Principal of Baker Middle School.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve a trip for Baker High School senior students to travel to Jackson, Mississippi to participate in Jackson State University's "High School Day 2022," September 24-25, 2022. Voting yes: Burges, Davis, and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Booker, and Parker.

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

Mrs. Parker joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the 2022-2023 *City of Baker School System Pupil Progression Plan*, as presented by Dr. Lisa Smothers. Voting yes: Burges, Davis, Parker, and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Booker.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School System 2022-2023 Reopening Plan, as presented by Dr. Lisa Smothers. Voting yes: Burges, Davis, Parker, and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Booker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the following Exceptional Student Services (ESS) contracts:

- Incredible Results Speech & Language Services to provide speech/language therapy
- S.P. Evals, LLC to provide school psychologist services

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve a contract with Ms. I'tyonnie Jackson to provide public relations services. Voting yes: Burges, Davis, Parker, and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Booker.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to grant the Superintendent the authority to open an account with Whitney Bank for the Baker High School Project. Voting yes: Burges, Davis, Parker, and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Booker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to revise the City of Baker School System 2022-2023 Calendar to change the date of Homecoming early release from Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, to Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Voting yes: Burges, Davis, Parker, and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Booker.

Superintendent Perry made the following remarks:

1. Baker High School Homecoming activities are as follows:
  - Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. – Coronation Ceremony
  - Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – Pep Rally
  - Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. – Homecoming Parade
  - Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. – Buffalo Roundup, Alumni & Community Tailgate
  - Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – BHS Homecoming Football Game
  
2. We have started a Wellness Program: Health is the Greatness Wealth, under the leadership of Mrs. Portia DeCuir.

Mrs. Boxie thanked everyone in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 in the Board Room of the School Board Office, 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 7:11 p.m. Voting yes: Burges, Davis, Parker, and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Booker.

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