



## City of Baker School Board Meeting March 8, 2022

### MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting via Zoom beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

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

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

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

President Boxie welcomed all persons participating in the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to amend the agenda to include the following item: "Consideration of Authorization to Allow Baker School System Superintendent to Accept Commitment Letter for Financing of Baker High School Rebuild on Terms Recommended by the Financial Advisor" Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

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

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

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

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 1, 2022 with the correction of the date of the meeting. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending January 31, 2022, as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the solicitation of bids for janitorial chemicals and supplies. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

A motion was made by Mrs. Burges 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. Following a brief discussion, Mrs. Burges amended her motion as follows: Approve the solicitation of bids for the Child Nutrition Program: milk and milk products, frozen food products, processed food products, and supplies (deleting "equipment"). The amended motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve a memorandum of understanding for a workforce develop partnership between Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) and the City of Baker School System. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the 2022 "A-HEC of a Summer" program agreement. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve an amendment to the contract between State of Louisiana, Louisiana Board of Regents/Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) and the City of Baker School District. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve a proposal by the Louisiana Association of Educators (LAE), The Teaching Learning Center for PRAXIS test preparation training. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve a contract with Jensine T. Speed, MSSW, LCSW to provide school social worker services to City of Baker School System students. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Davis the Board voted to approve authorization to allow Baker School System Superintendent to accept a commitment letter for financing of the Baker High School rebuild on terms recommended by the financial advisor. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Parker.

Superintendent Perry made the following remarks:

1. Baker High School held a wonderful College and Career Day on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. The Fine Arts Department sponsored a Black History Program on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, eleventh and twelfth grades students participated in an ACT Bootcamp. On Tuesday, March 15, juniors and seniors will take the ACT test.
4. We are excited about our partnership with Baton Rouge Community College. Our high school students are in their fourth course and will go into the Pipefitting Pathway.
5. We continue to work with our students on learning loss during the Pandemic, as well as accelerating our students academically at our Saturday Academic Academy, and our after-school tutoring being held district-wide. We encourage our parents to continue to allow their students to participate and grow academically with us after regular school hours.
6. Hot off the press ... very, very exciting news at Baker Heights Elementary School! Three of our pre-kindergarten classes have earned an “excellent” rating, and one pre-kindergarten class has earned a “highly proficient” rating. We are so proud of the work being done in our pre-kindergarten classrooms. Kudos to our pre-k teachers, School Leader Ms. Comeaux, and to Ms. Desiree Collins, the Network Coach for the Pre-kindergarten Department. This rating is not only based on a local assessment, it is a nationwide assessment. We have an excellent rating right here in our school system at Baker Heights Elementary School. Congratulations to all of the hard-working pre-k teachers and parents, and to everyone who contributed to that great success.
7. On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the District will hold a “Buffalo Round-up” at the Central Office from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Burges took an opportunity to express her thanks and gratitude to the School Board Members and the City of Baker School System for all the prayers in her behalf while she was ill.

The Board decided to hold a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m., to review and approve a resolution authorizing the School Board to borrow \$14,610,000 through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority for the rebuilding of Baker High School.

President Boxie thanked those participating in the School Board Meeting and announced the next regular meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

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