



City of Baker School Board Meeting June 6, 2023

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

President Burges called the meeting to order and explained to visitors the process for speaking on action agenda items is to request a comment card from Mrs. Debbie Dedeaux. Write your name on the card as well as the number of the agenda item you wish to speak on and return the card to Mrs. Dedeaux. She will bring the card up to the Board President at the appropriate time. Visitors will be allowed two (2) minutes to speak.

Roll call was taken by President Burges:

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| Perkins: | Present |
| Profit: | Present |
| Joseph: | Present |
| Butler: | Present |
| Burges: | Present |

President Burges announced there was a quorum and the meeting would proceed.

Silent Meditation was led by Mrs. Burges followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Butler.

President Burges referred to the quote at the top of the agenda by Marva Collins, "Once children learn how to learn, nothing is going to narrow their mind. The essence of teaching is to make learning contagious, to have one idea spark another."

President Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

Recognitions:

1. President Burges asked City of Baker School System nurses: Nurse Muriel Miller and Nurse April Taplin to stand so they could be recognized for the outstanding service they are providing to the students and staff of the school system.
2. President Burges acknowledged Board Member Profit for the delicious food she provided prior to the meeting and asked for a round of applause.
3. Dr. Smothers, Supervisor of Accountability, Assessment, and Evaluation announced that, as mentioned at the last school board meeting, three students were registered to take the College Level Education Program (CLEP) Assessment for Spanish 1. These three students have now taken the assessment and passed, so they will receive six hours of college credit.
4. Ms. Kelly Haynes and Mr. Roland Stewart from Baker High School informed the Board and audience that they had recently participated in the school's accreditation engagement review along with Principal Candance Russell, which is conducted every four years. Ms. Haynes was happy to report that Baker High School has again been granted accreditation.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Action Items:

1. Board Member Perkins commented: "In reference to the last meeting about the security at Park Ridge, Mr. Stroder had sent me a response and I would like that included in the May 2, 2023 minutes."

On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the City of Baker School Board Meetings of May 2, 2023 and May 26, 2023 including Mrs. Perkins' comments about security at Park Ridge. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

2. On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending April 30, 2023, as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.
3. Acting Superintendent Stroder, and Mr. Scott Lazarone, with Faulk & Winkler, LLC explained to the Board and audience the way the proposed salary schedule would work. On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the changes in salary schedules. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.
4. On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve obtaining a credit card for District use when purchase orders and checks are not accepted. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.
5. On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to table the consideration of soliciting bids for lawn care until the next meeting. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.
6. On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve an extension of the contract with Ross Bus and Equipment Sales, Inc. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.
7. On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve Juneteenth as a paid District holiday. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

8. On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve a contract with Jensine T. Speed, MSSA, LCSW to work with Park Ridge Academic Magnet School's (PRAMS) Steamsational Summer Academy. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.
9. On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve the amended operating budget for 2022-2023. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Report on Personnel – A list of the Superintendent's personnel actions was given to the Board.

Announcements:

1. Date of Next Meeting: July 11, 2023

Superintendent's Report:

1. Acting Superintendent Stroder asked all District employees in attendance to stand. He said this past school year had been long and hard, and everyone had done a good job and he felt they should be recognized.
2. Our summer 4-day work week schedule has begun. Employees will be working 10-hour days Monday through Thursday, with the office closed on Friday.
3. Mrs. Candace Bailey, Federal Programs Supervisor and Administrator of the District's Steamsational Summer Academy, gave a report on the first day of the Academy. The K-8th grade program located at PRAMS had 245 students today, the 9th-12th grade program located at Baker High School had 21 students. All in all, this year's enrollment is almost double the number of students enrolled last year. The 9th-12th grade program is from 7:30 a.m until 3:00 p.m., and the K-8th grade program is from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with before- and after-care provided. The Academy has gotten off to a great start, and we are very excited to have so many students involved.
4. We just received word that the District was awarded the "Stronger Connections" grant we recently applied for.

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Submitted by J.T. Stroder, Acting Secretary.