



City of Baker School Board Meeting March 14, 2023

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

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

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

President Burges announced there was a quorum.

Silent meditation was led by Ms. Butler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Profit.

President Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

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

The Board recognized Mr. Everett Parker, Supervisor of Technology, Information Systems, and The Arts upon his retirement, and presented him with a clock with a plaque thanking him for his 35 years of service to education.

Ms. Antonia Caine, Principal of Baker Middle School, recognized Ms. Darlene Moore, Visiting Artist; Ms. Marie Flower, Greater Baton Rouge Arts Council; and Ms. Betty Mujica-Milano with Neighbors Federal Credit Union and offered heartfelt gratitude from the faculty and students of Baker Middle School for giving students the opportunity through this art grant to showcase their talent. The ladies were presented with marble paperweights inscribed with the District logo as a token of appreciation.

On motion by Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 7, 2023. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

The next agenda item was #9: Receive the Superintendent's Report on Personnel. Mrs. Burges announced the report would be delayed until the next meeting.

Mr. James Stroder, Supervisor of K-12 Instruction, presented a report on items discussed at the School Transportation Policy Committee meeting held February 24, 2023:

- A handbook to be distributed to all bus drivers is currently being developed and should be ready for the beginning of next school year.

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- A tracking system was piloted last summer to enable parents to track where their child's bus is through an app on their phone. We're hoping we can get that done over spring break.
- Installing 2 cameras on all buses. One in the front of the bus and one in the rear.

Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager, offered responses to the questions posed by Board Member Linda Perkins at the February 7, 2023 Board Meeting regarding Federal Programs. She then provided the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending January 31, 2023. On motion of Mrs. Joseph seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to accept the financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending January 31, 2023. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted approval to advertise the following items for bid:

- Milk and Milk Products
- Canned and Dry Food
- Frozen and Refrigerated Food
- Food Service Supplies
- Janitorial Paper and Supplies

Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Joseph seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve a contract with Dr. Rosalind Hudson to provide educational diagnostic services to students in the City of Baker School System, effective July 5, 2023 through May 31, 2024. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to renew the District's flood insurance with Wright Flood Insurance effective April 16, 2023. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Joseph seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the 2022-2023 Pupil Progression Plan Addendum as presented by Dr. Lisa Smothers, Supervisor of Accountability, Assessment, and Evaluation. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to acknowledge and accept the Superintendent's retirement. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Perkins.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve administrative leave for the Superintendent. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Perkins.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to appoint Mr. James Stroder as Acting Superintendent of the City of Baker School Board. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Perkins, and Joseph.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve Resolution 1: Authorizing the Acting Superintendent to sign any and all agreements, invoices, checks and related documents for the daily operations of the City of Baker School Board; and all documents and agreements related to the FEMA/GOHSEP, the City of Baker School Board Restoration Project; and as authorized signatory on all City of Baker School Board bank accounts, investment accounts, and/or bond debt service accounts. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2: Authorizing the Acting Superintendent to sign any and all documents, agreements, including but not limited to the documents related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Burges announced the superintendent search process and what the Board's next steps should be would be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Mrs. Burges thanked those in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Acting Superintendent James Stroder, Secretary.