



City of Baker School Board Meeting December 5, 2023

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 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.

President Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting and referenced the quote at the top of the agenda, "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." -- Socrates

Roll call was taken by President Burges:

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

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

Silent Meditation/Prayer was led by Mrs. Profit followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Miss Brielle Reed.

The Board recognized the following persons:

- Ms. Vikki Wilbonn, CEO/Program Manager of Rosebud Healthcare and Training, LLC for their partnership with Baker High School to provide Certified Nurses Aide (CNA) training to students.
- City of Baker School System employees with 20 years of service:

Debbie Dedeaux
Juanita Gibson
Kelly Haynes
Jennifer Hughes
Dorothy Jackson
Eloise Knox
Carolyn Lewis

Alisa Sibley
Sidney Stewart
Jill Taylor
Vera Turner
Precious Vincent
Gertrude Walls

- Ms. Brittany Dunn, a former Baker High School graduate and daughter of Baker City Council member Ms. Rochelle Dunn, for graduating from law school and taking and passing the bar exam on the first try.
- The Baker Chamber of Commerce for their donation of \$500 to Baker Heights/Park Ridge Magnet.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.

Action Items:

1. On motion of Mrs. Perkins seconded by Mrs. Joseph, the Board voted to vote on the approval of the minutes from November 7, 2023 and November 11, 2023 as two (2) separate items. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, and Joseph. Voting no: Butler, and Burges.
 - a. A motion was made by Mrs. Profit to approve the minutes from the School Board Meeting of November 7, 2023. The motion died for lack of a second.
 - b. On motion of Mrs. Perkins seconded by Mrs. Joseph, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the School Board Meeting of November 11, 2023. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.
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 October 31, 2023. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.
3. On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve change orders for the Baker High School Construction Project (Single Point of Entry). Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.
4. On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the Superintendent's contract. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Report on Personnel
A report on all personnel actions was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

Announcements:

1. Date of Next School Board Meeting -- January 16, 2024

Superintendent's Report:

1. Dr. Smother's Accountability Report

Dr. Lisa Smothers, Supervisor of Accountability, Assessments, and Data Analytics provided a review of the 3rd through 8th grade LEAP 2025 results from the District's spring 2023 testing cycle in mathematics, and English language arts. In addition, the high school performance score highlights were reviewed.

2. Last week Mr. Stroder submitted a grant for \$250,000 to the National Football League (NFL) to move towards turfing the football field. We still need about \$500,000 more. This would be for the turf as well as the stadium.
3. Mr. Stroder met with representatives from the National Guard Youth Program today. We are hoping to establish a partnership with them.
4. We have an upcoming meeting with Southern University to talk with 22 of our teachers who may be interested in taking classes at Southern to pursue their teaching certifications.
5. We have brand new doors at the high school now, and both of the single points of entry are under construction. All the windows at Park Ridge Academic Magnet have been replaced, so we are moving forward with improving our facilities.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Submitted by J.T. Stroder, Secretary.