



**City of Baker School Board Meeting
February 7, 2023**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 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. Perkins.

President Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Perkins to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Joseph. Mrs. Perkins explained she made the motion to approve the minutes with the following correction: "Judge Curtis Calloway swore in the newly elected School Board Members." Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager, presented the Monthly Financial Report including Budget to Actual Comparisons for the Period Ending November 30, 2022.

Mrs. Perkins said she had questions for Mrs. Stewart regarding Federal Programs and that she would like to read them into the minutes:

1. Can you please provide me a copy of the total budgets for each of the funding, with allocations for each school, in the Baker School System? Title I and Title II. Please provide balances and how the funds were expended.
2. What is the amount of in-direct costs that the district received from each of the grants?

3. Did the district receive Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) funds? If so, what is the allocation amount and how is it being spent to support literacy?
4. Did the district receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER I and ESSER II) funding? If so, how much and what is the balance in each account? How were these funds expended? Has all of the ESSER I dollars been spent?
5. What is the budget for the McKinney Vento Homeless funds? Copies of the budget? How are we using these funds to support our homeless students in the Baker School System?

Mrs. Perkins said she did not expect the answers to her questions during the meeting; however, she would like them by the next meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Perkins seconded by Mrs. Butler, the Board voted to accept the Monthly Financial Report including Budget to Actual Comparisons for the Period Ending November 30, 2022. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Perkins, the Board voted to accept the Monthly Financial Report including Budget to Actual Comparisons for the Period Ending December 31, 2022. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Mrs. Joseph, the Board voted to approve an extension to the contract with Faulk & Winkler, LLC from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024, to provide financial consulting services. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: Butler.

Mrs. Perkins requested that in the future, persons with a contract on the agenda for approval be present at the Board Meeting in case Board Members or members of the community have any questions.

On motion of Mrs. Joseph seconded by Mrs. Perkins, the Board voted to approve the 2023 “A-HEC of a Summer” program agreement. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Mr. Roland Stewart, Senior Advisor at Baker High School, provided information about the proposed Senior Hiking Day at Clark Creek Natural Area in Woodville, Mississippi. On motion of Mrs. Joseph seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the field trip request for Baker High School seniors to travel to Clark Creek Natural Area in Woodville, Mississippi on March 3, 2023, to participate in Senior Hiking Day. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Perry made the following announcements:

1. We have ordered metal detectors for all of our schools, including the Alternative Learning Center. All but one have arrived in the District. The metal detector at Baker High School is up and running; however, we will not be satisfied until metal detectors are installed and working at all of our schools.
2. The City of Baker School Board had an informative retreat on Saturday, January 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Thanks to all five School Board Members who were in attendance, district staff, and board attorneys.
3. All five Board Members are registered to attend the 2023 Louisiana School Board Association Conference on March 7-9 in Lake Charles, Louisiana.
4. Congratulations to Montez Covington who has received a football scholarship to Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.
5. Happy School Counselors Week to our counselors! We are a better school system because of your hard work and dedication.
6. Congratulations to our Baker Middle School Artists who are participating in a special art program. Baker Middle School was selected to participate in a special grant awarded to the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge by Neighbors Federal Credit Union. Ms. Darlene A. Moore is our special Arts Council's Arts Education Teaching Artist.
7. The City of Baker School System's Parent/Guardian Appreciation will be held on Thursday, March 9th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Baker Municipal Center. We will have a guest speaker, dinner, entertainment, and door prizes. The deadline to register is February 17, 2023. www.bakerschools.org
8. We have numerous activities coming up at our schools:
 - a. Baker Heights Elementary School will have a live wax museum in honor of Black History Month February 28th from noon until 2:00 p.m.
 - b. Park Ridge Academic Magnet School will have a Mardi Gras Parade on February 17th beginning at 1:00 p.m. On March 23rd, they will celebrate Black History Month with Black History Figures Dress-Up Day, and on March 24th at 9:00 a.m. they will have a Black History Month Program.
 - c. Baker Middle School will host a MAP/LEAP Awareness Parent Meeting on February 15th at 6:00 p.m., and a Black History Month Program on February 27th at 10:00 a.m.
 - d. Baker High School will host a Sneaker Ball on February 11th. A Black History Month Program will be held on February 28th at 9:00 a.m. The Baker High School Band will be performing at several Mardi Gras Parades.

President Burges thanked those in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, March 13, 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. Joseph seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

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