



## City of Baker School Board Meeting January 18, 2024

### MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2024.

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.

Superintendent Stroder's family who were in attendance at the meeting was introduced to the Board, staff, and visitors.

Mrs. Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting and took roll call:

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

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

Silent Meditation/Prayer was led by Minister Gloria Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent Stroder.

President Burges took a moment to recognize Ms. Vicki Longmire with Rosebud Healthcare and Training who is in partnership with the City of Baker School System. Rosebud currently has 18 Baker High School students in Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) training, and recently partnered with Baton Rouge. That class will consist of 20 students. Ms. Longmire is the mother of one of the Baker students in the program, and the grandmother of another student in Rosebud Healthcare Training. As President Burges said, "We are changing lives by generations."

President Burges announced a correction to Agenda Item #4: Consideration and Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report including Budget to Actual Comparisons for the Period Ending December 5, 2023. The correct date should be **November 30, 2023**. On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to change the date on the monthly financial report from December 5, 2023, to November 30, 2023. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to add the following 2 items to the Board agenda:

1. An update/overview of all current pending lawsuits with docket numbers against Baker School Board, Baker School System, or the Superintendent relating to the schools.

2. Current policies regarding the following:
  - a. Parent involvement during school hours
  - b. School tours during school hours
  - c. Volunteering during school hours

Mrs. Joseph's motion was seconded by Mrs. Perkins. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None. These two items will be placed on the agenda as Items 9 and 10.

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

### **Action Items:**

1. Election of School Board Officers

Mrs. Profit nominated Mrs. Burges for President. Ms. Butler seconded the motion.

Mrs. Joseph nominated Ms. Butler for President. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion. Ms. Butler declined the nomination. A vote was taken for Mrs. Burges as President. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, Burges, and Joseph. Voting no: Perkins.

**Mrs. Burges was elected President of the City of Baker School Board.**

Mrs. Burges nominated Ms. Butler for Vice President. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

**Ms. Butler was elected Vice President of the City of Baker School Board.**

2. Approval of Minutes from the November 7, 2023 School Board Meeting

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

3. Approval of Minutes from the December 5, 2023 School Board Meeting

On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 5, 2023. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

4. Consideration and Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report including Budget to Actual Comparisons for the Period Ending November 30, 2023

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending November 30, 2023. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.

5. Consideration and Approval of Resolution to issue Additional Bonds, Authorizing Execution of First Trust Indenture, Approval of all Documents and Certificates in Connection therewith, Authorizing the Execution of Term Sheet with Purchaser of the Bonds, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

On motion of Mrs. Joseph seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve a resolution to issue additional bonds, authorizing the execution of First Trust Indenture, approval of all documents and certificates in connection therewith, authorizing the execution of term sheet with purchaser of the bonds, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

6. Consideration and Approval of Resolution for Legal Services Contract with DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P.

On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve a resolution for legal services with DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.

7. Consideration and Approval of Contract with CSRS for Construction Program Management

On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve a contract with CSRS for Construction Program Management. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins.

8. Consideration and Settlement in the amount of \$10,000 for Breach of Contract Suit Entitled *Fusion Architects APC v. City of Baker School District, City of Baker School Board, Docket No. 729, 995, Div. 24*

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Mrs. Joseph, the Board voted to go into executive session to discuss the suit. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

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

On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to settle the breach of contract suit with Fusion Architects APC in the amount of \$10,000. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins.

9. An Update/Overview of all Current Pending Lawsuits with Docket Numbers against Baker School Board, Baker School System, or the Superintendent relating to the Schools

Attorney DeCuir responded that he would provide the requested information on pending lawsuits against the City of Baker School Board, the City of Baker School System, or the Superintendent later in the week. As far as an overview of the lawsuits, that would need to be done in executive session.

10. Current Policies regarding the following:

- a. Parent Involvement during School Hours
- b. School Tours during School Hours
- c. Volunteering during School Hours

Mrs. Joseph said she had been made aware of these policies during executive session.

**Information Items:**

1. Superintendent's Report on Personnel  
A report on all personnel actions was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
2. The following policies were provided to the Board for review and will be on the agenda of the February meeting for approval:
  - a. B-14 ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS
  - b. D-3.6 GIFTS AND DONATIONS
  - c. E-1.1f USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) AND CARDIAC EMERGENCY PLAN
  - d. F-4.1 TITLE VII EMPLOYEE SEXUAL HARASSMENT
  - e. F-9.8 PROBATION
  - f. G-11.4 PARENT CONFERENCES
  - g. H-3.6 STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
  - h. H-3.6g SCHOOL WELLNESS

**Announcements:**

1. Date of Next Meeting -- March 5, 2024

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. The April school board meeting falls during the district's scheduled Spring Break. The Board may want to begin thinking about if they want to hold the April meeting before or after Spring Break.

**Adjournment:**

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.  
Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, Joseph, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Submitted by J.T. Stroder, Secretary.