



**City of Baker School Board Public Hearing/Meeting
July 25, 2018**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public hearing in the Board Room of the City of Baker School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on July 25, 2018.

Dr. Dana Carpenter, Board President, opened the public hearing and informed the audience the hearing was to consider approval of the City of Baker School Board proposed operating budget for 2018-2019.

Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager, presented an overview of the 2018-2019 operating budget. She then asked for questions and/or comments.

As there were no questions or comments from the audience, Dr. Carpenter announced the public hearing was now closed and the Board would go into a public meeting.

Dr. Carpenter called the public meeting to order at 6:19 p.m. and took a roll call:

DEES:	Present
BOXIE:	Present
DAVIS:	Present
CARPENTER:	Present
JOHNSON:	Present

A moment of silent meditation was led by Mr. Dees, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Johnson. Dr. Carpenter welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Dees seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the agenda. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 5, 2018. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the revised job description for Academic Support Counselor. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve the non-certified personnel actions and to accept the certified personnel actions. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve the operating budget for 2018-2019, with the transfer of \$94,115.01 from general funds as a loan to cover the deficit in School Food Service. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mr. Dees seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve property insurance, liability insurance and workers compensation packages with Starr Surplus Lines. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted approval to elect uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily coverage with a \$250,000 limit to the automobile policy, and authorized Dr. Herman Brister, Superintendent, to sign on behalf of the City of Baker School Board to elect uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily coverage to the automobile policy, contingent upon the Board's legal counsel researching the item to determine if this is necessary. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mr. Dees, the Board voted to continue with BlueCross BlueShield for the health care and supplemental insurance packages for the 2018-2019 enrollment plan year. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve a letter of engagement with Fontenot Benefits and Actuarial Consulting to provide actuarial calculations as required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 75. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve a letter of engagement with Kolder, Slaven & Company to perform the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) preliminary feasibility report certification. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mr. Dees seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve a contract between the Association of Professional Educators of Louisiana (A+PEL) and the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge to provide professional development on increasing and assessing rigor in the classroom (preK-8). Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve a memorandum of understanding between Southern University and the City of Baker School System for dual enrollment. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve the 2018-2019 janitorial paper and chemical supply bid awarded to Economical Paper & Janitorial Supply. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the *Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook and Discipline Policy* revisions for 2018-2019. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Johnson the Board voted to approve the following special education contracts:

- Key Rehab Associates, Inc. (To provide occupational therapy services)
- Cathy Rami, P.T. & EWP Physical Therapy (To provide physical therapy services)
- Daronda M. Parker-Lathan, LCSW-BACS (To provide social worker services)
- Integrity Academics, LLC (To provide school psychologist services)

Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mr. Dees, the Board voted to approve the revised/new policies for inclusion in the City of Baker School Board Policy Manual as reviewed during the June 18, 2018 City of Baker School Board Work Session, and also the changes indicated by Board Attorney, Winston DeCuir, Sr. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to exit regular session and go into executive session to consider the settlement of Carlisa Bell v. Kantrell Dixon and the City of Baker School Board, No. C667213, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

Dr. Carpenter informed the audience that during executive session, no motions would be made or votes taken.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to exit executive session and return to regular session. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a settlement in the case of Carlisa Bell v. Kantrell Dixon and the City of Baker School Board, No. C667213, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Brister made the following announcements/remarks:

1. Each Board Member should have a copy of the 2018 Football Schedule at their desk. We are optimistic about this upcoming season.
2. Professional Development is going very well. Our team has developed a very comprehensive plan for our teachers.
3. Baker Heights/Bakerfield Elementary and Baker Middle School will start classes Wednesday, August 1st.
4. We will hold a “Back-to-School Expo” at the Central Office on Friday, July 27th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
5. Staff will meet with GOHSEP on Friday, July 27th, at 2:00 p.m.
6. We are preparing a feasibility study to send to the United States Department of Agriculture regarding our loan request.
7. We will hold “Breakfast with Brister” on July 30th and August 6th for all staff, to welcome them back for the new school year.

Mrs. Johnson took a personal privilege to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards and prayers during the time of her illness.

Dr. Carpenter thanked everyone in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie, Dees and Johnson. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Dr. Herman Brister, Secretary.