



**City of Baker School Board
February 2, 2021**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting via Zoom beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

President Parker explained that while conducting Board Meetings via Zoom, the public can attend the meeting and also ask questions/make comments by using the email address: comments@bakerschools.org. Since the meeting is virtual, all votes will be taken by roll call.

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

BURGES:	Present
BOXIE:	Present
DAVIS:	Present
BOOKER:	Present
PARKER:	Present

A moment of silent meditation was led by Mrs. Davis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Wall's 1st grade class at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School.

President Parker welcomed all persons participating in the meeting.

President Parker asked for a motion to accept and adopt the certification of the inability to conduct an in-person meeting by the City of Baker School Board on February 2, 2021, and to proceed with the meeting by electronic means.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to adopt the *Certification of Inability to Achieve In-person Quorum & Notice to Meet through Electronic Means*. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Booker to consider all items on the agenda because they were critical and time sensitive (Act 42 of 2020, 2nd Extraordinary Session). Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Burges. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Interim Superintendent De'Ette Perry recognized Dr. Charles Vincent as the recipient of the Quest to Excellence Award. She explained that the Quest to Excellence Award is awarded to an individual who embodies the values of our school system: committed to children, families and communities; builds respectful and caring relationships; values others; exemplifies integrity; demonstrates responsibility; works collaboratively with others; and creates equity, excellence, and empowerment in the City of Baker School System.

Dr. Vincent is a Louis Jetson-Lamar Cooperation Professor of History at Southern University, published author, City of Baker Councilman for District 1, community friend, and a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Interim Superintendent Perry presented outgoing School Board President, Ms. Sharlous Booker, with a plaque in appreciation for her dedication to service and commitment to excellence in the City of Baker School System while serving as School Board President January 14, 2020 through January 12, 2021.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the corrected minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2021. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Interim Superintendent Perry pointed out to the Board that the young man being appointed as Baker High School's Interim Band Director was a Baker High School graduate and a former member of the Symphony of Soul Band at Baker High School. On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to accept the certified personnel recommendations and to approve the non-certified personnel recommendations. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report summaries including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending December 31, 2020, as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Interim Superintendent Perry made the following announcements/remarks:

1. February marks the beginning of the observance of African American History Month. The theme is *The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity*. We encourage our students and families to participate in activities that are happening within our schools as well as in the community.
2. It is National School Counseling Week. The theme is *School Counselors: All In For All Students*. To our school counselors in the City of Baker School System, we value you and appreciate you! Thank you for your commitment and dedication: Ms. Shaw, Ms. Armwood, Ms. Landor, Ms. Marchand and Ms. Tobias.

President Parker discussed having a School Board Retreat to discuss rebuilding Baker High School and suggested possible dates. After discussion, it was decided the retreat would be held Monday, February 8, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

Mr. Michael Faulk, who is heading up the Superintendent Search for the City of Baker School Board, informed the Board that the deadline for accepting applications for Superintendent had been extended to February 12, 2021. To date, he has received three applications, two persons said they were sending their applications to him, and two said they would be filling out an application.

President Parker thanked those participating in the meeting and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the School Board voted to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Voting yes: Parker, Boxie, Booker, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

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