



**City of Baker School Board
June 2, 2020**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on June 2, 2020, via Zoom virtual media/teleconferencing.

Ms. Sharlous Booker, President, called the meeting to order.

Ms. Booker took roll call:

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

A moment of silent meditation was led by Mrs. Davis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Parker. Ms. Booker welcomed all visitors participating in the meeting.

Roll call votes were taken on each item.

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

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 5, 2020. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the non-certified personnel actions. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to grant approval for the Superintendent to implement a Reduction-in-Force (RIF), if needed, in all job categories due to an expected budgetary shortfall as a result of COVID-19

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School System 2019-2020 Amended Operating Budget. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending April 30, 2020, as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Agenda Items 13 and 14 were taken together.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to approve a contract with Detel Wireless, LLC to provide Internet access service to the City of Baker School System and a contract with Detel Wireless, LLC to provide Wide Area Network (WAN) service to the City of Baker School System. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Brister made the following announcements/remarks:

1. Baker Heights Elementary School is accepting applications for Pre-K.
2. The *Strong Start Grant* has been submitted. This grant will be used to provide Internet access to all students.
3. Summer school will be held July 13-31, 2020. We will use a completely digital platform. Parents were notified in their child's report card if they must attend.
4. On Thursday, June 4th, at 12:30 p.m., I along with members of my staff and Board leadership will be discussing (through Google Meet) with BXS Insurance, the District's health insurance renewal package for 2020-2021.
5. Also on June 4th, at 2:30 p.m. I will have a conference call with Mr. Corey Young with the USDA regarding our loan. I will be sending a summary of the call to all Board members following the call.
6. Baker High School Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 25th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Southern University's Mini Dome.

Ms. Booker thanked those in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Dr. Herman Brister, Secretary.