



**City of Baker School Board
December 3, 2019**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting in the Board Room of the City of Baker School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on December 3, 2019.

Mrs. Shona P. Boxie, President, called the meeting to order.

A roll call was taken by Mrs. Boxie:

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

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

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

Superintendent Brister and the Board recognized the first Educators Rising Cohort in the City of Baker School District comprised of Educators Rising Clubs at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School, Baker Middle School, Baker High School and a university partnership with Southern University Agricultural and Mechanical College, School of Education. Each person was presented with a certificate. (See attached list of recipients.)

Mrs. Bridgette Coleman with Coleman Consulting Group, LLC presented an update of partnership activities with the City of Baker School System.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 5, 2019. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

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

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending October 31, 2019, as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

City of Baker School Board Attorney, Mr. Winston DeCuir, Sr., recommended Agenda Item #12: To consider Awarding the Bid and Contract to Cangelosi Ward General Contractors for the “Renovation and Addition of Baker High School Project No. 27001.17” be tabled until final approval for the loan is received from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Rural Development. A motion to table the item was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Burges. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to give consent to their General Counsel obtaining a title opinion on the Baker High School property and all other property of the City of Baker School System for the purpose of completing loan requirements of the USDA for the Baker High School renovation and addition. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Brister made the following announcements/remarks:

1. Just want to give the Board a heads-up that we may be calling a special Board Meeting before Christmas concerning the USDA loan and the Baker High School renovation/addition.
2. We had a great football season! Kudos to the coaching staff and the young men on our football team.
3. We have just kicked-off our basketball season.
4. The Baker High School student orientation staff conducted a very successful Food Drive prior to Thanksgiving.
5. We will have early dismissal for all students December 17-19, 2019, prior to our Winter Break.
6. The Baker High School Marching Band will participate in Baker’s Annual Christmas Parade this Saturday, December 7th. They will also march in the Baton Rouge Annual Christmas Parade.
7. Mrs. Burges, volunteers and Baker Middle School administrative staff are working to open a school store to assist students with basic necessities. “*The Closet*” will be operated by students (with adult supervision) to foster a spirit of entrepreneurship.
8. On behalf of my family and myself, I want to wish the Board, the community and the staff and students of the District a happy and blessed holiday season.

Mrs. Boxie thanked everyone in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 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. Burges, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Dr. Herman Brister, Secretary.