



**CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2014**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board met at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School beginning at 6:00 p.m. on May 6, 2014. Dr. Dana Carpenter, Board President, called the meeting to order.

A roll call was taken by Dr. Carpenter:

WATSON:	Present
ALEXANDER:	Present
CARPENTER:	Present
DAVIS:	Present
BOXIE:	Present

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

Dr. Carpenter asked for a motion to add the following item to the Board agenda: "Recognition of Teachers of the Year, Principal of the Year and Outstanding Support Employees". On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Watson, the Board voted to add the item as agenda item #8. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Ms. Watson seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the amended agenda. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Watson, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 1, 2014. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

The Board and Superintendent recognized the following City of Baker School System employees:

Outstanding Support Employees: Tara Reese, Baker Heights Elementary School
Janet Wilkinson, Bakerfield Elementary School
Paulette Harding, District-wide
Henry Knox, Baker Middle School
Carolyn McFadden, Baker High School

Teachers of the Year: Tammy Miller, Baker Heights Elementary School
Rachal Benton, Bakerfield Elementary School
Kanika Batiste, Park Ridge Academic Magnet School

Principal of the Year: Tammy Armand-Golden, Park Ridge Academic Magnet School

On motion of Ms. Watson seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Appointments. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: Alexander.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Watson, the Board voted to approve a contract with Edward Pratt to provide professional services on a part-time basis for media production and marketing for the City of Baker School System. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

The Board received the City of Baker School System *Students' Rights Responsibilities Handbook and Discipline Policy* for action at the June Board meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Watson, the Board voted to move the June Board meeting from June 3, 2014 to June 10, 2014. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Ms. Watson, the Board voted to hold a public meeting on June 10, 2014 to adopt millage rates for 2014. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Ms. Watson seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to hold a work session on June 3, 2014 to discuss the following: Insurance Renewal for 2014-2015, Planning Guide for 2014-2015 School Year, and Development of a Policy for Payment of School Field Trips. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Watson, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School System 2014-2015 Calendar. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Boxie to approve amendments to the City of Baker School System 2013-2014 Pupil Progression Plan. A substitute motion was made by Ms. Watson to approve the amended Pupil Progression Plan with the following revisions:

Under **GRADE 4**

- Promotion to 5th Grade Decision-making
 - Promotion to the 5th grade shall be at the discretion of the **School Building Level Committee** where the student was enrolled in 4th grade.

Under **GRADE 8**

- Transitional 9th Grade Decision-making
 - Placement in transitional 9th grade shall be at the discretion of the **School Building Level Committee** where the student was enrolled in 8th grade.

The Board voted on the substitute motion. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None. The substitute motion passed.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to leave regular session and go into executive session to consider negotiations in the case of *Jessica Rogers as Natural Tutrix of Kia Rogers vs. Mildred Russ, No. 615753, Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge*. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None. Absent: Alexander.

Dr. Carpenter announced that while in executive session, the Board would not make any motions or take any votes.

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to allow the Superintendent to enter into an appropriate settlement based on negotiations in the case of *Jessica Rogers as Natural Tutrix of Kia Rogers vs. Mildred Russ, No. 615753, Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge*. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None. Absent: Alexander.

Dr. Carpenter made the following announcement:

- The City of Baker School Board will hold a public meeting on June 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School, 5905 Groom Road, Baker, Louisiana 70714, to adopt millage rates for 2014. This millage is not an additional millage. It is the renewal of the current millage.

Superintendent Joseph made the following announcements:

1. In celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week, cakes will be delivered to each of our schools from the School Board and Central Office.
2. Park Ridge Academic Magnet School will host an Art and Music Show on Wednesday, May 7th, at 6:00 p.m.
3. Baker Middle School will have a Career Day on Thursday, May 8th, from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the gym.

Dr. Carpenter thanked everyone in attendance for coming and announced that the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School. A School Board Work Session will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2014, also at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Watson, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None. Absent: Alexander.

Submitted by Ulysses Joseph, Secretary.