



**CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING
May 7, 2016**

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 May 7, 2016.

Mrs. Shona P. Boxie, Board President, opened the public hearing and announced the Board was holding a public hearing to consider levying increased millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized by law.

Resolution No. 1 and No. 2 were read by Board Attorney, Winston DeCuir, Sr.

Mrs. Boxie then opened the floor for questions or comments from the public.

As there were no questions or comments from the public, Mrs. Boxie announced the public hearing was closed.

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

A roll call was taken by Mrs. Boxie:

ALEXANDER:	Present
CARPENTER:	Present
DAVIS:	Present
BOXIE:	Present
JOHNSON:	Present

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

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

On motion of Mrs. Johnson seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 3, 2016. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Alexander, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None.

There was no old business.

Adoption of Millage Rates for 2016:

On motion of Mrs. Alexander seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to adopt Resolution No. 1. A roll call vote was taken:

CARPENTER: Yea
ALEXANDER: Yea
BOXIE: Yea
JOHNSON: Yea
DAVIS: Yea

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Alexander, the Board voted to adopt Resolution No. 2. A roll call vote was taken:

CARPENTER: Yea
ALEXANDER: Yea
BOXIE: Yea
JOHNSON: Yea
DAVIS: Yea

The Millage Rates for 2016 were adopted.

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

On motion of Mrs. Alexander seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the amended operating budgets for 2015-2016. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Alexander, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Johnson the Board voted approval to change the start time of Park Ridge Academic Magnet School for the 2016-2017 school year. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Alexander, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to designate *The Advocate* as the Official Journal of Record for the City of Baker School Board for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Alexander, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Alexander seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted approval to revise City of Baker School Board Policy E-5.3 *Staff Insurance Coverages, Retiree Benefits*, with the deletion of "before July 1, 2016." Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Alexander, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Alexander, the Board voted to deny a charter school application from Door of Opportunity Technology Academy. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Alexander, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted approval to engage Postlethwaite and Netterville to conduct a financial audit of the City of Baker School System as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Alexander, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None.

President Boxie announced Board Member Doris Alexander was resigning from the School Board to serve on the Baker City Council. She then presented Mrs. Alexander with a plaque in appreciation for her service as a member of the City of Baker School Board from 2006 to 2016

Superintendent Brister made the following announcements/remarks:

1. A reminder that our strategic planning training will begin on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.
2. We've had several successful meetings with local industry regarding our STEM Advisory Council. The Council should have its first meeting later this month or early July. Meetings will be bi-monthly.
3. Our summer programs: credit recovery, tech camp and summer athletics are going well.
4. My personal thanks to Mrs. Doris Alexander for her service on the School Board.
5. Art from Park Ridge Academic Magnet School kindergarten through eighth-grade students was on display in the Rotunda of the State Capitol on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Our thanks to State Representative Barbara West Carpenter for setting this up.
6. Professional development for Baker Middle School has begun.

Dr. Carpenter asked for a point of privilege to have Representative Barbara Carpenter address the Board on the Park Ridge art display. Representative Carpenter expressed how impressed she and the public were with the students' art work. She said the art work was so impressive persons visiting the display were trying to buy it.

Mrs. Boxie thanked those in attendance for coming. Following discussion among the Board Members, it was decided the July Board Meeting would be held on Monday, July 11, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Johnson seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Alexander, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Dr. Herman Brister, Secretary.