



**City of Baker School Board
April 9, 2019**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a meeting in the Board Room of the City of Baker School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on April 9, 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 Mrs. Burges. Mrs. Boxie welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to amend the agenda to include the following as Agenda Item #16 “Consideration and Approval for Baker High School DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) to travel to Orlando, Florida, February 27-30, 2019 to compete at the International DECA Career Development Conference.” Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

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

Superintendent Brister and the Board recognized the following persons for outstanding volunteerism at Bakerfield/Baker Heights Elementary Schools through the Foster Grandparents Program (Catholic Charities – Diocese of Baton Rouge), and presented each with a Medallion of Achievement:

- Ms. Anna Cochran
- Ms. Ada Johnson
- Ms. Gertrude Tolliver
- Ms. Margie Wallace

Board President, Mrs. Shona Boxie, read a Proclamation from the Baker Mayor’s Office and City Council proclaiming the month of April, 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness/Prevention Month. Ms. Toni Jackson, with Order of the Eastern Star – ASHA #1132, addressed the Board on activities planned for the month to raise awareness. Mrs. Boxie and Superintendent Brister offered the District’s assistance in getting this important information out to the schools and the community.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 21, 2019. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

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

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending February 28, 2019 as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to increase the \$10.50 hourly rate of pay for after-school tutoring, extended day programs and field trips to \$15.25 per hour for bus operators, effective April 10, 2019. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

Board Attorney, Mr. Winston DeCuir, Sr., presented the Board with copies of a proposed resolution resolving the Race Trac lawsuit. A motion was made by Mrs. Burges to table the item until all Board Members had an opportunity to read the resolution. Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis. A roll call vote was taken:

DAVIS:	Yes
BOOKER:	No
BOXIE:	No
PARKER:	No
BURGES:	Yes

The motion failed.

A motion was made by Ms. Booker to approve the resolution resolving the Race Trac lawsuit. Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Boxie. A roll call vote was taken:

DAVIS:	No
BOOKER:	Yes
BOXIE:	Yes
PARKER:	Yes
BURGES:	No

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Booker to waive the alcoholic beverage ordinance of the Baker Code of Ordinances concerning applicability and building location zoning and licenses and permits for Race Trac, Inc. Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Parker. After discussion, Ms. Booker amended her motion as follows: To waive the alcoholic beverage ordinance of the Baker Code of Ordinances concerning the applicability and building location zoning and licenses and permits currently issued to Race Trac, Inc. and any other they may apply for in the future. The amended motion was seconded by Mrs. Parker. A roll call vote was taken:

DAVIS:	No
BOOKER:	Yes
BOXIE:	Yes
PARKER:	Yes
BURGES:	No

The motion passed.

On motion of Ms. Burges seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to grant approval for the Baker High School DECA to travel to Orlando, Florida, April 27-30, 2019, to compete at the International DECA Career Development Conference. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Brister made the following announcements/remarks:

1. Our students are testing well, with 99.5% attendance.
2. The District is participating with Southern University in a grant from the National Science Foundation, to increase participation in computer science. We are also participating in a STEM grant with LSU.
3. Four students from Park Ridge Academic Magnet School were inducted into the Youth Legislature on March 26, 2019.

Mrs. Boxie thanked those in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Burges, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis and Parker. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Dr. Herman Brister, Secretary.