



**City of Baker School Board Special Meeting  
February 12, 2025**

**MINUTES**

The City of Baker School Board held a special meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2025.

President Butler called the board meeting to order and explained to visitors the process for speaking on action agenda items is to request a comment card from Mrs. Debbie Dedeaux. Write your name on the card as well as the number of the agenda item you wish to speak on and return the card to Mrs. Dedeaux. She will bring the card up to the Board President at the appropriate time. Visitors will be allowed two (2) minutes to speak.

President Butler welcomed all visitors to the meeting and took roll call:

Perkins: Present  
Profit: Present  
Joseph: Present  
Burgess: Present  
Butler: Present

President Butler announced there was a quorum, and the meeting would proceed.

President Butler requested that everyone stand for a moment of silent meditation/prayer led by Mrs. Joseph, and the Pledge of Allegiance, to be led by Mrs. Perkins.

**Approval of Agenda:**

On motion of Mrs. Burgess seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve the meeting agenda. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Burgess, and Butler. Voting no: None.

**Action Items:**

1. Consideration of School Reconstitution, Redesign and/or Consolidation of Baker Heights Elementary and Baker Middle School Pursuant to Plans Previously Submitted to Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of the Recovery School District  
Superintendent Stroder gave a brief recap of what has transpired between the district and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) thus far. Due to the fact that the district has not heard back from the LDOE, we do not have a reconstitution plan at this time, so he recommended the Board not take any action on this item until the district hears back from the LDOE.
2. Consideration and Discussion of the Closure of Baker Heights and/or Baker Middle School  
Superintendent Stroder recommended the Board take this item in two parts.

A motion was made by Mrs. Profit that the Board designate 3750 Harding Street as the location of Baker Heights Elementary School, 2550 South Street as the location of Baker Middle School, and 5903 and 5905 Groom Road as the location of Park Ridge Academic Magnet School for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Burges. The vote was as follows: Voting yes: Profit, Burges, and Butler. Voting no: Perkins and Joseph.

A motion was made by Mrs. Burges that the Board close Baker Heights Elementary School and Baker Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Profit. The vote was as follows: Voting yes: Profit, Burges, and Butler. Voting no: Perkins and Joseph.

**Announcements:**

1. Date of Next Meeting -- March 6, 2025

**Adjournment:**

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by J.T. Stroder, Secretary.