



**City of Baker School Board Meeting  
August 6, 2024**

**MINUTES**

The City of Baker School Board held a public hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

President Burges opened the public hearing to consider approval of the City of Baker School Board's proposed operating budget for 2024-2025.

Mr. Scott Lazarone of Faulk and Winkler, CPA, LLC presented the proposed budget and answered questions from the public and board members.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to close the public hearing and move to the public meeting. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None. Absent: Joseph.

President Burges called the public 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.

Mrs. Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting and took roll call:

Perkins: Present  
Profit: Present  
Joseph: Absent  
Butler: Present  
Burges: Present

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

Superintendent Stroder introduced Mr. Casey Smith, the new 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal, to the Board and the public.

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

**Action Items:**

1. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from the School Board Meeting of July 2, 2024  
On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the School Board Meeting of July 2, 2024. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None. Absent: Joseph.

2. Adopt the 2024-2025 City of Baker School Board Operating Budget  
On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to adopt the 2024-2025 City of Baker School Board Operating Budget. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins. Absent: Joseph.
3. Consideration and Approval of Unpainted Portion of the Baker High School Building Project  
\* There was some confusion about the intent of the agenda item. It was explained that voting to approve the item meant voting to leave the unpainted portion unpainted.  
On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the unpainted portion of the Baker High School Building Project. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Perkins. Absent: Joseph.
4. Consideration and Approval of Change Order No. 9 for the Baker High School Construction Project  
On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve Change Order No. 9B for the Baker High School Construction Project. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None. Absent: Joseph.

**F. Information Items**

1. Superintendent's Report on Personnel  
A report on all personnel actions was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
2. Accountability & Assessment  
Dr. Lisa Smothers, Supervisor of Accountability & Assessments, and Mrs. Candace Bailey, Supervisor of Early Childhood Education, provided information on literacy improvements across the district.

In addition, the following information that was requested by Board Member Linda Perkins at the June 4, 2024 Board Meeting was provided:

- An update on the summer remediation for third and fourth grades students as required by law, and
- Have we started to think about a plan for those students who are going to the third grade that scored "Below Basic" on DIBELS® (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)? By law, all third graders who scored below the benchmark on DIBELS® would be retained beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

**G. Announcements:**

1. Date of Next Meeting – September 3, 2024

2. President Burges announced that at the next School Board Meeting, scheduled for September 3, 2024, the Board will conduct a public hearing on our millage.

H. **Board Comments:**

There were no Board comments.

I. **Adjournment:**

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.  
Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None. Absent: Joseph.

Submitted by: J.T. Stroder, Secretary.