



CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING November 5, 2013

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board met in the Board Room of the School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on November 5, 2013. Mrs. Shona Boxie, Board President, called the meeting to order.

A roll call was taken by Mrs. Boxie:

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

A moment of silent meditation was led by Dr. Carpenter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Davis. 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, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Ms. Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 1, 2013. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Appointments. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Davis to approve Agenda Item #9, but amend it to read "Approval to offer a sign-on bonus **for all first-time teachers to Baker beginning immediately.**" The motion was seconded by Dr. Carpenter. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire (For Audit Engagements of Government Agencies). Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve a contract with Dr. Judith Williams to serve as a mentor for the City of Baker School System's Teacher Induction Program -- STEP (Supporting Teachers for Effective Performance). Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter and Davis. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Alexander.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the 2014 "A-HEC of a Summer" program agreement with the Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

Professor James Cross, retired from Southern University's College of Engineering and Computer Science, addressed the Board on teaching robotics. Following this on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve a memorandum of understanding with Southern University College of Engineering and Computer Science to implement a robotics class at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School for 5th grade students. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to begin updating the lighting at Baker Heights Elementary School, Bakerfield Elementary School, Park Ridge Academic Magnet School and Baker Middle School. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to hear the appeal by a parent of their daughter's 20-day suspension to the Alternative Learning Center. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Boxie explained that while in Executive Session, no motions would be made or votes taken.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to return to Regular Session. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Joseph made the following announcements:

1. City of Baker School System employees will receive their one-time supplement with their November 20th paychecks. (\$1,000 to certificated staff/managers and \$500 to support staff)
2. Park Ridge Academic Magnet School Principal, Tammy Armand-Golden, and Mrs. Kanika Batiste will be presenting at the Magnet Schools Conference in Houston, Texas on Saturday, November 9, 2013. The title of their presentation is "Parental Involvement: The Backbone of Any Magnet Program." Our kudos to them.
3. Our Human Resources Supervisor, Mr. David Grisby, is out recruiting teachers at this time.

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, December 3, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Voting yes: Boxie, Carpenter, Alexander and Davis. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Ulysses Joseph, Secretary.