



CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 18, 2015
MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board met in the Board Room of the City of Baker School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on August 18, 2015.

Mrs. Elaine G. Davis, Board President, called the public hearing to order and explained the purpose of the public hearing was to consider approval of the City of Baker School Board proposed 2015-2016 Comprehensive Operating Budget.

A roll call was taken by Mrs. Davis:

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

Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager, provided an overview of the proposed operating budget. Mrs. Davis then opened the floor for comments and questions from the public. As there were none, Mrs. Davis declared the public hearing adjourned.

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

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

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meetings of July 7, 2015 and July 15, 2015. Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander, Carpenter and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Alexander seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to adopt the City of Baker School Board 2015-2016 Comprehensive Operating Budget. Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander, Carpenter and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve a revision of middle school coaching stipends effective August 19, 2015. Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander, Carpenter and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the non-certified personnel actions and to accept the certified personnel actions, with the following corrections to items 43-113: Under Type of Action change the words "additional pay" to "stipend." Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander, Carpenter and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve a memorandum of understanding between Southern University and A&M College and the City of Baker School System for participation in the dual enrollment credit program (funded from the Supplemental Course Allocation for 2015-2016 school year). Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander and Johnson. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Carpenter*

* As Dr. Carpenter is employed by Southern University and works with their dual enrollment program, he abstained from voting.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve a lawn care maintenance contract with Horton & Son Landscaping and Lawn Service beginning August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander, Carpenter and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Alexander seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve a professional services contract with Sunbelt Staffing to provide psychological services on an as-needed basis for special education evaluations (hourly rates not to exceed the rates outlined on Page 7 of the contract). Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander, Carpenter and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the revised policy on *Student Privacy and Education Records*. Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander, Carpenter and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Alexander seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve a resolution to name the athletic field house at Baker High School *The Jerry Epperson Field House* effective September 18, 2015. Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander, Carpenter and Johnson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the payment of court costs in the amount of \$943.37 in the case of *Kimberly Spillman v Baker School Board, et al.* Voting yes: Davis, Boxie, Alexander, Carpenter and Johnson. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Davis announced the Board would hold another retreat/training at the School Board Office on Friday, August 21, 2015 (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, August 22, 2015 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.).

Superintendent Brister made the following remarks:

1. A big “thank you” to the many volunteers who participated in the Beautification Project at Bakerfield Elementary School on July 23rd – July 25th. (A video of the Project with scenes of the volunteers working at the school was shown.)
2. Staff and volunteers worked at Baker Heights Elementary School on Saturday, August 15th. There is still work to be done and so another “work Saturday” will be scheduled soon.
3. A thank you to the Principal and staff of Baker High School for hosting the Back-to-School Convocation on Thursday, August 6, 2015.
4. A thank you to the Board Members who were able to attend the Convocation and stayed for the whole event.
5. As of this date, there are 1,400 students attending class in the City of Baker School System.
6. The District received a letter from the Louisiana Department of Education dated July 23, 2015, regarding the annual evaluation of special education programs in all school systems. Based on the February 2015 Annual Performance Report (APR) compliance indicators, additional performance data, and monitoring results, the City of Baker School System has been classified as **Meets Requirements**. There are 3 other possible classifications: Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention and Needs Substantial Intervention. Kudos to the Pupil Appraisal staff.
7. A Town Forum will be held Tuesday, August 25, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium on the Baker High School campus.

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Mrs. Davis thanked those in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

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

Submitted by Dr. Herman Brister, Secretary.