



CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING February 18, 2014

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board met in the Board Room of the School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on February 18, 2014. Dr. Dana Carpenter, Board President, called the meeting to order.

A roll call was taken by Mrs. Boxie:

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

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to amend the agenda to add the following as Agenda Item # 17: "Approval for Baker High School Band to Participate in Mardi Gras Parade in Natchez, Mississippi." Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

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

The Board recognized the Baker High School Choir for their performance at the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) 76th Annual Convention, and presented them with certificates.

Ms. Whitney Moore, a student at Baker High School and a member of the choir, shared her experience as a student at the LSBA Convention.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 14, 2014. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to authorize the acceptance of the lowest bid and enter into a contract with Star Mechanical in the amount of \$255,596.00 for the removal of old chillers and replacement with new 100- and 200-ton chillers at Baker High School, with the money to be taken from the Capital Outlay Budget. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Alexander.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the plan prepared by staff to make-up instructional time lost due to inclement weather. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the addition of three (3) grade levels to Park Ridge Academic Magnet School, making it a K-8 school. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis and Boxie. Voting no: Alexander and Watson.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve an amendment in the language of the Allstate Life Insurance policy with the City of Baker School Board to include school system retirees who meet the retirement requirements of the State Teachers Retirement System, School Employees Retirement System, or State Employees Retirement System with the following correction: "Allstate Insurance will honor any former employees hired after the inception of the Baker School System in **2003** (instead of 2004)....." Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to adopt and support the 2014 Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) Legislative Framework. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

Mr. Clay Slagle, Project Manager with Volkert, Inc., informed the Board that renovations to the Baker High School Auditorium were on schedule for the projected completion date of April 15, 2014.

Superintendent Joseph informed the Board that the Planning Commission had already approved the Board's purchase of the Graves Chevrolet building for the School Board Office and that the next step was the Baker City Council's approval of the re-subdivision of the plot, which is anticipated by the end of February or the beginning of March.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board granted permission for the Baker High School Band to participate in a Mardi Gras parade in Natchez, Mississippi. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander, Boxie and Watson. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Joseph made the following announcements:

1. As the Board has now approved the addition of three grades to Park Ridge Academic Magnet School, the recruitment of students for these grades will begin shortly.
2. The City of Baker School Board was presented with a certificate of recognition by the Baker City Council for initiating the renovation of the Baker High School Auditorium.

Ms. Watson took a point of personal privilege to address the Board and audience.

Dr. Carpenter thanked those in attendance for coming and announced that the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

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

Submitted by Ulysses Joseph, Secretary.