



City of Baker School Board Meeting February 1, 2022

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting via Zoom beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

President Boxie called the meeting to order and took roll call:

BOOKER:	Present
DAVIS:	Present
BURGES:	Absent
PARKER:	Absent
BOXIE:	Present

A moment of silent meditation was led by Mrs. Davis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Booker.

President Boxie welcomed all persons participating in the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to adopt the *Certification of Inability to Achieve In-person Quorum & Notice to Meet through Electronic Means*. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to consider all items on the agenda (Act 42 of 2020, 2nd Extraordinary Session). Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and Parker.

Prior to the Board voting to approve the meeting agenda, President Boxie announced the following items needed to be added to the agenda:

- Consideration and Approval of a Resolution to Seek Assistance from the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) for the Investigation of the Type 2 GEO Prep Charter Application Approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to Authorize Legal Counsel to Take All Necessary Action in Conjunction with Assistance from the LSBA As Needed. (added as Item #17)
- Consideration and Approval of a City of Baker Recreation Administration Field/Facility Rental/Usage Contract for Baker High School Lady Buffs Softball to Use Jefferson Park (added as Item #18)

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the agenda as amended. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and Parker.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 11, 2022 with the following correction: On page 2, Paragraph 8, change “Mr. John Arrasmith, Program Manager...” to “Mr. John Arrasmith, ELA Specialist...” Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to accept the certified personnel recommendations and to approve the non-certified personnel recommendations. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending December 31, 2021. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and Parker.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted approval to add the Strong School Systems budget in the amount of \$74,999 to the 2021-2022 Special Revenue Funds Budget. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and Parker.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted approval to advertise a request for qualifications for architectural engineering services regarding ESSER-funded capital improvement projects for Baker Heights Elementary, the Baker Middle School Building, the Bakerfield Elementary Building, and Park Ridge Academic Magnet School. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Burges and Parker.

Mrs. Burges and Mrs. Parker joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve a professional services agreement between the City of Baker School System and Empower Schools to implement the Strong School Systems Initiative. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, and Parker. Voting no: Davis.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the following policies for inclusion in the City of Baker School Board Policy Manual:

- a. B-16; Cf: A-5 **Board Ethics**
- b. D-7.4; Cf: B-16, D-6.1, and D-7.4b **Purchasing**
- c. D-7.4; Cf: D-7.4 **Bids and Quotations**
- d. F-9a; Cf: F-9.4, F-9.4a-P, and F-9.5 **Protection of Criminal Background Information**
- e. F-11.1 **Sabbatical Leave** (Changing Guidance Counselor to School Counselor)
- f. F-11.4; Cf: E-5.3, F-11, and F-11.4a **Sick Leave** (Changing Guidance Counselor to School Counselor)
- g. G-2 **Curriculum**
- h. G-2.4c; Cf: G-2.4c1, G-2.4c2 **Education of Students with Exceptionalities**
- i. G-2.4c2; Cf: G-2.4c **Cameras in Special Education Classrooms**
- j. G-3.9; Cf: H-2.2, H-2.2a; Cf: H-2.3, H-2.3a **Kindergarten**
- k. G-11.2 **Report Card**

- l. G-11.4; Cf: H-2.5, H-3.5, Cf: H-3.5c and H-3.5d **Parent Conferences**
- m. H-11.2; Cf: G-2.4a **Expectant and Parenting Students**
- n. H-2.2; Cf: H-2.1a, H-2.4a **Compulsory School Attendance Ages**
- o. H-2.3; Cf: H-2.3c, H-3.5d, H-3.6b **School Admission**
- p. H-2.4a **Public School Choice**
- q. H-4, Cf: F-12.8, and H-4.4 **Student Safety**
- r. H-12; Cf: G-9.4 **Student Records**

Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Davis, and Parker. Abstaining: Burges.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to grant approval for the Baker Middle School Band and Cheerleaders to travel to Biloxi, Mississippi to perform in the Krewe of Neptune Mardi Grad Parade on February 26, 2022. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to leave regular session and go into executive session to discuss the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Meeting of January 18, 2022. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None.

President Boxie stated that while in executive session, no motions were made or votes taken. She then asked for a motion to return to regular session.

On motion of Ms. Booker seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to leave executive session and return to regular session. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve a resolution to seek assistance from the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) for the investigation of the Type 2 GEO Prep Charter Application approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to authorize legal counsel to take all necessary action in conjunction with assistance from the LSBA as needed. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker Recreation Administration Field/Facility Rental/Usage Contract for the Baker High School Girls' Softball Team to use Jefferson Park. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Perry made the following remarks:

- 1. The Southern University Athletic Director is inviting School Board Members and all educators to *Educator Appreciation on the Bluff*. You will be receiving additional information soon.

2. One week from tonight, February 8th, we will be hosting a Virtual Family Assessment Night. At that time, we will be sharing information on upcoming assessments our students will be taking in the spring. We encourage all parents/care givers to register and participate in this event.
3. February is Black History Month, and we will be celebrating. Our theme is: *Black Health and Wellness*. Throughout the month, you will be receiving quotes as well as health and wellness tips. We hope to learn a lot this month as we join in the celebration of Black History Month.

President Boxie thanked those participating in the School Board Meeting and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Ms. Booker, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Voting yes: Boxie, Booker, Burges, Davis, and Parker. Voting no: None.