



## City of Baker School Board Meeting August 1, 2023

### MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

President Burges called the 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.

President Burges referred to the quote at the top of the agenda, “Anytime anybody sees a child that looks forlorn, lost, not taken care of -- spread your arms, scoop them up, ask questions later, but love them first.” – Unknown

Roll call was taken by President Burges:

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

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

Silent Meditation was led by Mrs. Profit followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Butler.

President Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

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

#### **Action Items:**

1. On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the School Board Meeting of July 11, 2023. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.
2. On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending June 30, 2023, as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.
3. On motion of Mrs. Joseph seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve the property insurance extension from August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

4. On motion of Ms. Butler seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to contract with Renae Mitchell, M.Ed./MBA to conduct a superintendent search for the City of Baker School Board. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.
5. On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the following policies for inclusion in the City of Baker School Board Policy Manual:

E-1.1g	SCHOOL AND STUDENT SAFETY
E-3.1b	CARPOOL AND BUS LINE SAFETY
G-3.10	CONTINUOUS LEARNING
H-2.1	ATTENDANCE
H-2.1a	STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES
H-3.6c	ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION
B-11.7	TELECONFERENCE/REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
B-12.8	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Perkins requested the Board Members be provided with a “cheat sheet,” with the beginning and ending times of the schools, etc.

6. A motion was made on Agenda Item #6: Consideration and Approval of Change Order for the Baker High School Project, by Mrs. Joseph to table the item until the next Board Meeting. Mrs. Joseph’s motion was seconded by Mrs. Profit. Upon further discussion, a substitute motion was made by Mrs. Profit to vote only on item RFC 026: Temporary Fence Required for Football Games (\$7,212.00), and vote on the other twelve (12) items at a later Board Meeting. The substitute motion failed for lack of a second. The principal motion made by Mrs. Joseph, to table Agenda Item #6 until the next Board Meeting, was seconded by Mrs. Perkins and voted on. Voting yes: Perkins, Joseph, and Butler. Voting no: Profit, and Burges. The motion passed.
7. On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Mrs. Perkins, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School System *2023-2024 Pupil Progression Plan*. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Perkins said she had three questions she wanted to put into record, but first she asked Mr. Stroder to please post the LEAP scores on the website. Her questions were:

1. What is the number and percentage of students who scored “Basic” or above, by grade level, in ELA and math?
2. What is the number and percentage of students who scored “Below Basic”, by grade level, in ELA and math?
3. What is the percentage of increase or decrease from spring of 2020 LEAP results?

**Information Items:**

1. The Superintendent's Report on Personnel was provided to the Board.

**Announcements:**

1. Date of Next Meeting -- September 5, 2023

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Attendance

We are working on a partnership with LSU on an attendance policies led protocol. This will be on the agenda of the September school board meeting. Our first biggest issue in the district was having qualified teachers in the classroom. And, our second biggest issue is having students actually in the classroom. This is something new that we're taking very serious this next year.

2. Louisiana Workforce Commission MOU

Mr. Charles Robertson and Ms. Altman with Growth Services, a vendor of Louisiana Workforce Commission, addressed the Board. Ms. Altman will actually be at Baker High School as a counselor for Pre-employment Transition Services for Students with Disabilities. Their purpose is to help our students with a 504 or IEP get jobs after high school at no cost to the school.

3. Baton Rouge STEM

Mr. Eric Lewis with Baton Rouge STEM addressed the Board to announce they had been awarded a \$15,000 grant to provide professional development for teachers in grades K-8. It will be focused on helping teachers and students to integrate coding across the curriculum in the core subjects of ELA, math, science, and social studies.

**Adjournment:**

On motion of Mrs. Perkins seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Submitted by J.T. Stroder, Interim Secretary.