



City of Baker School Board Special Meeting November 11, 2023

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a special meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

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

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

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

Silent Meditation/Prayer was led by Mrs. Burges followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Rodney Craig.

President Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to approve the meeting agenda. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.

President Burges outlined the interview process to be followed:

1. The Board will interview four (4) candidates recommended by Halo Solutions Search Consultant, Mrs. Renae Mitchell, for the position of Superintendent of the City of Baker School System. The Board may meet in executive session for the interviews pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:17. The names of the candidates and the order in which they will be interviewed are as follows:
 - a. Dr. Monica Battley-Fabre
 - b. Mr. Hutcherson Hill
 - c. Dr. Delarious Stewart
 - d. Mr. J.T. Stroder
2. During the interview process, each of the candidates will have the opportunity to provide the Board and audience with a 5-minute opening statement.
3. After the opening statement, the Board will proceed to executive session to further discuss qualifications.
4. Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17(a)(1), allows the Board to meet with each candidate in executive session. This portion of the interview will not be open to the public.
5. Once the Board has completed the interview phase with each candidate in executive session, the Board will complete any discussion and return to open session.

6. Once in open session, the Board will consider and/or deliberate on the candidate to lead the City of Baker School System.

Dr. Monica Battley-Fabre provided her 5-minute opening statement.

President Burges asked for a motion to go into executive session to interview Dr. Battley-Fabre. She explained that, while in executive session no motions would be made or votes taken.

On motion of Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to go into executive session. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None. The motion passed.

On motion of Mrs. Profit? seconded by Ms. Butler?, the Board voted to return to open session. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Mr. Hutcherson Hill provided his 5-minute opening statement.

On motion of Ms. Butler? seconded by Mrs. Profit?, the Board voted to go into executive session. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Joseph. The motion passed.

On motion of Mrs. Profit? seconded by Mrs. Butler?, the Board voted to return to open session. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None.

Dr. Delarious Stewart provided his 5-minute opening statement.

A motion was made by _____ to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by _____. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.

The motion failed for lack of a 2/3 majority vote. Dr. Stewart's interview proceeded in open session.

Mr. J.T. Stroder provided his 5-minute opening statement.

A motion was made by Mrs. Profit to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Butler. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph.

The motion failed for lack of a 2/3 majority vote. Mr. Stroder's interview proceeded in open session.

A motion was made by Mrs. Profit and seconded by Ms. Butler to appoint a candidate as Superintendent.

A substitute motion was made by Mrs. Joseph and seconded by Mrs. Perkins to delay the appointment of a candidate until the board meeting of December 5, 2023.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion. Voting yes: Perkins, and Joseph. Voting no: Profit, Butler, and Burges. The substitute motion failed.

A vote was taken on the original motion. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Joseph. The motion to appoint a candidate as Superintendent passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Butler and seconded by Mrs. Profit to appoint Mr. J.T. Stroder as Superintendent of the City of Baker School System.

A substitute motion was made by Mrs. Perkins and seconded by Mrs. Joseph to appoint Dr. Delarious Stewart as Superintendent of the City of Baker School System.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion. Voting yes: Perkins, and Joseph. Voting no: Profit, Butler, and Burges. The motion failed.

A vote was taken on the original motion. Voting yes: Profit, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: Perkins, and Butler. The motion to appoint Mr. J.T. Stroder as the Superintendent of the City of Baker School System passed.

On motion by Mrs. Profit seconded by Ms. Butler, the Board voted to adjourn. Voting yes: Profit, Joseph, Butler, and Burges. Voting no: None. Absent: Perkins.