



**CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 2, 2014**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board met at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School beginning at 6:00 p.m. on September 2, 2014.

Dr. Dana Carpenter, 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 Operating Budget for 2014-2015.

A roll call was taken by Dr. Carpenter:

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

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

Dr. Carpenter called the public meeting to order.

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to amend the agenda by general consensus to add the following as Agenda Item #11:

“Approval for the Baker High School Band to travel to Natchez, Mississippi on September 20-21, 2014.”

Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander and Boxie. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to amend Agenda Item #8 as follows:

“Approval of Before School Child Care at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School, Bakerfield Elementary School and Baker Heights Elementary School at a Cost of \$2.00/per day, per child, **and an Additional Fee of \$2.00 per day, per child if After School Child Care is requested.**” (Delete wording in bold type.)

Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis and Boxie. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Alexander.

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

Mrs. Davis asked for a Point of Privilege to have Baker High School Band Director, Kedric Taylor, who will be leaving to accept the position of Assistant Band Director at Southern University say a few words.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 5, 2014. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander and Boxie. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the 2014-2015 Operating Budget and to loan the School Food Service Office \$261,368.00 and move \$500,000.00 from the General Fund Reserve into the Capital Outlay Budget. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander and Boxie. Voting no: None.

Dr. Charles Vincent, on behalf of the Mwalimu Institute and in partnership with Entergy Corporation, presented social studies resources for the libraries at each school. Items included: Smart Globes for Baker Heights and Bakerfield Elementary Schools, DVD's (Huey Long, Civil Rights Bus Boycott, Rosedown Plantation, Poverty Point, etc.) for Baker Middle and Baker High Schools, as well as a coffee table book on Louisiana History.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University and the City of Baker School System to allow students in Southern University's College of Education to work in the school system in preparation for a career in education. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander and Boxie. Voting no: None.

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

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve a contract with Katrina Spottsville to provide school psychologist services. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis and Boxie. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Alexander.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve offering Cheerleading and Dance Team at Baker Heights Elementary School and Bakerfield Elementary School. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander and Boxie. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Davis made a motion to approve Before School Child Care at Park Ridge Academic Magnet School, Bakerfield Elementary School and Baker Heights Elementary School at a cost of \$2.00/per day, per child. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boxie. Following discussion, Mrs. Davis amended her motion to add ".....following the same proposal as the one prepared by Park Ridge Academic Magnet School." The amended motion was seconded by Mrs. Boxie. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis, Alexander and Boxie. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the job description for Dean of Students at Baker Middle School (9-month position) with any needed corrections. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Alexander.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the early dismissal (11:15 a.m.) of all students on Friday, October 3, 2014, to allow participation in Baker High School Homecoming activities. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Alexander.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve the Baker High School Band traveling to Natchez, Mississippi on September 20-21, 2014. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Alexander.

Superintendent Joseph made the following announcement:

- Students at Baker High School were dismissed at 1:15 p.m. today due to air conditioning problems.

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, October 7, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Voting yes: Carpenter, Davis and Boxie. Voting no: None. Absent: Alexander.

Submitted by Ulysses Joseph, Secretary.