



**City of Baker School Board
December 8, 2020**

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting via Zoom beginning at 6:18 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

President Booker explained that while conducting Board Meetings via Zoom, the public can attend the meeting and also ask questions/make comments by using the email address: comments@bakerschools.org. Since the meeting is virtual, all votes will be taken by roll call.

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

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

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

President Booker welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

President Booker asked for a motion to accept and adopt the Certification for Electronic Meeting.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Burges to consider all items on the agenda (Act 42 of 2020, 2nd Ext. Session). Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Boxie. Voting yes: Booker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

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

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 18, 2020. Voting yes: Booker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Mrs. Parker joined the Board Meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Attorney DeCuir asked for nominations for Interim Superintendent of the City of Baker School System to be effective January 1, 2021.

Mrs. Boxie nominated Dr. De'Ette Perry.
Mrs. Davis nominated Dr. Angela Domingue.

A roll call vote was taken:

MRS. BURGES:	Dr. Perry
MRS. BOXIE:	Dr. Perry
MRS. PARKER:	Dr. Perry
MRS. DAVIS:**	Dr. Perry
MS. BOOKER:	Dr. Perry

** Mrs. Davis had originally voted for Dr. Domingue; however, following the vote she changed her vote to Dr. Perry so that the vote would be unanimous.

Dr. De'Ette Perry will become Interim Superintendent for the City of Baker School System effective January 1, 2021,

Attorney DeCuir led a discussion regarding the Superintendent Search. Items discussed included: preparation of a vacancy announcement, ads to run in major state newspapers, deadline for accepting applications, scheduling interviews, and contracting with a professional consultant to assist with the search. He informed the Board that two persons had expressed an interest in conducting the superintendent search: Renae Mitchell with Magnolia Partners, and Mr. Michael Faulk, and presented the Board with copies of their resumes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Burges to hire Ms. Renae Mitchell, with Magnolia Partners, to conduct the superintendent search. The motion failed for lack of a second.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to hire Mr. Michael Faulk to conduct the superintendent search, and to authorize Attorney DeCuir to prepare a contract with Mr. Faulk not to exceed \$4,500.00. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie and Davis. Voting no: Burges.

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

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to accept the monthly financial report including budget to actual comparisons for the period ending October 31, 2020, as presented by Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Boxie seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to renew the contract with Faulk & Winkler, LLC beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, to provide financial consulting services. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve a resolution for the participation of Dr. Herman Brister in the School Board's Health Insurance and Benefits Plan, as is afforded all other retired employees, and the City of Baker School Board will contribute 85% of the employer's portion of the premium cost should Dr. Brister participate in the plan. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to approve a resolution to settle litigation in "Ken Tillage Construction Company v. City of Baker School Board, No. 686844, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana" in the sum of \$350,000.00, with \$150,000.00 to be paid upon signing the settlement and the remaining \$200,000.00 to be paid in six (6) monthly payments. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Acting Superintendent Domingue made the following announcements/remarks:

1. Progress is being made in moving forward with the USDA loan.
2. Last week we met with the contractor and the architect for the Baker High School renovation project, and because it has been three years since we started, there has been a \$500,000 increase in building materials costs.
3. We met with Mr. Mathew Kern, our bond counsel last week and he provided us with an update on his meeting with the USDA general counsel. He feels things are moving forward.
4. The Baker High School girls' and boys' basketball teams will participate in "Jingle and Mingle," sponsored by the Baker Main Street Pilot Club, on December 18th.

Ms. Booker thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Dr. Angela Domingue, Acting Secretary.