



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

**MINUTES**

The City of Baker School Board held a public hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2020, via Zoom virtual media/teleconferencing.

Ms. Sharlous Booker, President, called the public hearing to order and informed the audience the purpose of the hearing was to consider approval of the City of Baker School Board proposed operating budget for 2020-2021.

Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Business Manager, and Mr. Scott Lazarone, CPA Director with Faulk & Winkler, LLC, presented the proposed operating budget for 2020-2021 and opened the floor for questions.

As there were no questions, President Booker adjourned the public hearing.

The City of Baker School Board held a public meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on September 8, 2020, via Zoom virtual media/teleconferencing.

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

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

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

Ms. Booker welcomed all visitors participating in the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken on each of the following agenda items:

On motion of Mrs. Burges with a second by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to approve the agenda. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 4, 2020. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

There was no old business.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to adopt the City of Baker School Board operating budget for 2020-2021, and to authorize an allocation of \$86,342.01 for School Food Services. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, 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. The passing of Ms. Carolyn McFadden, an Exceptional Student Services Paraprofessional at Baker High School, who had been with the District for eleven years was acknowledged.

Mrs. Davis made a motion to award Horton & Sons Landscaping a lawn maintenance contract from September 8, 2020 until September 8, 2022. Following discussion, Mrs. Davis withdrew her motion. Mrs. Burges made a motion to table the item, Mrs. Boxie seconded the motion. Mrs. Burges amended her motion to read, "Table the item to award Horton & Sons Landscaping a lawn maintenance contract from September 8, 2020 until September 8, 2022, and authorize the Superintendent to continue with Horton & Sons Landscaping until a new contract has been bid and awarded." Mrs. Boxie seconded the amended motion. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve the City of Baker School System *Pupil Progression Plan* for 2020-2021. Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Burges, the Board voted to approve the following Exceptional Student Services (ESS) contracts:

- Dr. Yael "Maggie" Stokes-Banal to provide school psychologist services
- Cahronda K. Johnson-McKnight to provide speech pathologist services

Voting yes: Booker, Parker, Boxie, Burges and Davis. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Brister made the following announcements/remarks:

1. Schools will open in Phase 3 tomorrow. Elementary students will be at school every day. Middle school students will be every other day, and high school is all distance learning.
2. We are about finished taking care of all the issues with distance learning.
3. Fall sports will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>. All LHSAA regulations and precautions will be followed.
4. We have approximately 20 pre-K slots still available.
5. As the pandemic goes on, we are continuously adjusting our school schedules. My thanks to staff, the community and the Board.

Mrs. Booker thanked those in attendance for participating and announced there would be a public hearing on millage adoption on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a regular public meeting of the School Board to follow at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Boxie, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by Dr. Herman Brister, Secretary.