



City of Baker School Board Special Meeting March 18, 2025

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a special meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

President Butler called the board 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.

Vice President Burges welcomed all visitors to the meeting and took roll call:

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

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

Mrs. Burges requested that everyone stand for a moment of silent meditation/prayer led by Mrs. Profit, and the Pledge of Allegiance, to be led by Mrs. Joseph.

Approval of Agenda:

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

President Butler joined the meeting.

Action Items:

1. Discussion and Consideration of Legal Action on Behalf of the City of Baker School System Regarding Proposed Takeover of Closed Schools

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Perkins, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss taking legal action on behalf of the City of Baker School System regarding the proposed takeover of closed schools. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Burges, Joseph, and Butler. Voting no: None.

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

2. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Special Counsel for Litigation on Behalf of the City of Baker School System

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Profit, the Board voted to approve a Letter of Engagement with Dannie P. Garrett, III to serve as General Counsel in litigation on behalf of the City of Baker School System. Voting yes: Profit, Burges, and Butler. Voting no: Perkins and Joseph.

3. Other Business and Related Matters to Items 1 and 2

There was no other business to discuss related to Items 1 and 2.

4. Discussion and Consideration of an Administrative Type 1 Charter School

It was decided that a Board Work Session would be held Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this item.

Announcements:

1. Date of Next School Board Meeting -- April 1, 2025

Adjournment:

On motion of Mrs. Burges seconded by Mrs. Joseph, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Burges, Joseph, and Butler. Voting no: None.

Submitted by J.T. Stroder, Secretary.