

City of Baker School Board Meeting

May 5, 2026

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board held a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the School Board Office.

President Butler called the meeting to order and explained to visitors that the process for speaking on action agenda items is to request a comment card from Ms. Blackmore, write your name and the number of the agenda item you wish to speak on, and return the card to Ms. Blackmore. Visitors will be allowed two (2) minutes to speak.

President Butler welcomed all visitors and called the public meeting to order. She then took roll:

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

Ms. Butler announced there was a quorum, and the meeting would proceed.

Ms. Butler requested that everyone stand for a moment of silent meditation/prayer led by Ms. Perkins, and the Pledge of Allegiance, to be led by Ms. Joseph.

Recognitions / Visitors:

The Board recognized the Spring 2026 “Best Yard in Baker” winners by district. Dr. Toni Jackson, Executive Director of Future Seed, thanked participants and community sponsors and presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Preston Castille on behalf of Helix Community Schools for support of the contest.

A representative of District One winners offered brief remarks expressing appreciation for recognition and community pride.

Ms. Butler recognized Ms. Sania Williams as the Baker High School “Buffalo Princess” during the meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Action Items:

1. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from the School Board Meeting of April 14, 2026

On motion of Ms. Burges seconded by Ms. Profit, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the Board meeting of April 14, 2026. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Burges, Joseph, and Butler. Voting no: None.

2. Consideration and Approval of Monthly Financial Reports for the Period Ending March 31, 2026

The monthly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2026 was presented. The Superintendent reported total revenues of \$9,407,815; total expenditures of \$1,972,758; \$8,884,718 transferred out to charters; and a total change in fund balance of \$1,449,661. The Superintendent also noted the new CPA firm is working on updating federal program reporting for a future meeting.

During discussion, Ms. Joseph requested that the CPA firm attend a meeting, and the Superintendent indicated the firm attends upon Board request and that this would be an additional charge. Questions were requested to be submitted in writing for response.

On motion of Ms. Profit seconded by Ms. Burges, the Board voted to approve the monthly financial reports for the period ending March 31, 2026. Voting yes: Profit, Burges, and Butler. Voting no: Perkins and Joseph. The motion carried.

3. Consideration and Approval of MOU with Helix Community Schools for the Administration of Food Services

The Superintendent explained the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was requested by the State and outlines the relationship and requirements between the District and Helix to administer the school lunch program. On motion of Ms. Burges seconded by Ms. Profit, the Board voted to approve the MOU. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Burges, Joseph, and Butler. Voting no: None.

4. Consideration and Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Future Seed (Education Pathways and Innovation Center “EPIC” Initiative)

Dr. Toni Jackson presented a proposed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between Future Seed and the City of Baker School System to begin an exploratory partnership regarding an Education Pathways and Innovation Center (EPIC). Dr. Jackson stated the CEA is for planning and due diligence only and does not constitute a lease, facility commitment, or financial obligation. Board members asked questions regarding parties, funding, utilities/operational responsibilities, due diligence steps, and the anticipated exploratory timeline.

On motion of Ms. Burges seconded by Ms. Profit, the Board voted to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Future Seed. Voting yes: Perkins, Profit, Burges, and Butler. Abstained: Joseph. Voting no: None. The motion carried.

5. Consideration and Approval of Lease Agreement with Impact Charter School for the 2026–2027 School Year

Public comment was received requesting renewal of the Impact Charter School lease and consideration of a rent reduction based on upgrades made to the facility. The Board received clarification from legal counsel that the agenda item as posted concerned approval of the lease as written, and that changing rental terms would require amending the agenda/agenda item for discussion and action.

On motion of Ms. Burges seconded by Ms. Profit, the Board voted to approve the lease agreement with Impact Charter School for the 2026–2027 school year. Voting yes: Profit, Burges, and Butler. Voting no: Joseph. Abstained: Perkins. The motion carried.

Informational Items:

1. Report from Helix

The Superintendent noted the Board received an email update from Helix regarding academics. Mr. Castille highlighted academic improvement at Park Ridge, continued standardized testing, upcoming end-of-year events and graduations, and plans to utilize the 5905 Groom Road campus for pre-K through second grade to address space needs. Mr. Castille reported an anticipated Baker High School graduating class of approximately 93 students.

Announcements:

Ms. Burges announced that the Baker Pilot Club awarded scholarships to four graduating seniors. Ms. Burges also announced an honors program at Baker High School scheduled for 10:00 a.m. the following morning in the gym.

Date of Next Meeting: The next regular meeting date was corrected to June 2, 2026.

Adjournment:

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

Board President

Secretary