



City of Baker School Board Meeting October 4, 2016

MINUTES

The City of Baker School Board met in regular session in the Board Room of the City of Baker School Board Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2016.

Mrs. Shona P. Boxie, Board President, called the meeting to order.

A roll call was taken by Mrs. Boxie:

CARPENTER:	Present
DEES:	Present
DAVIS:	Present
JOHNSON:	Present
BOXIE:	Present

A moment of silent meditation was led by Mr. Dees, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Boxie welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dees and seconded by Mrs. Johnson. Following discussion, Mr. Dees amended his motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of agenda item # 15: "Consideration and Approval to Suspend the Substitute Teacher Requirement regarding a Four-Year Degree for One Year, ending June 30, 2017, as a Result of a Depleted Labor Pool Due to the Flood." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter awarded the following students with Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Scholarships and presented them with checks and certificates:

- Zah'nyah Tate, Baker Heights Elementary School
- Jarrius Brooks, Bakerfield Elementary School
- Dareneka Dellihue, Park Ridge Academic Magnet School
- Dakarai Smith, Baker Middle School
- Alyssa Vessell, Baker High School

In addition, Superintendent Brister presented the students with Medallions of Achievement on behalf of the Board and himself.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 6, 2016. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

Mr. Troy Crochet, Vice President of NorthStar Demolition and Remediation, presented a status report on the progress of the emergency protective measures being provided for the flood affected facilities and structures at Baker High School.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent's certified personnel recommendations and to approve the non-certified personnel recommendations. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

Dr. Carpenter requested the Board be provided with a monthly report on how many substitutes are used at each school, what subjects they teach, and the names of the teachers they are substituting for.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire contingent upon completion of Part VII and VIII. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted to approve a contract with Eclectic Cognitive Behavioral Center, LLC – Dr. Jacqueline Mims, Clinical Director/CEO to provide school psychological services. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mr. Dees, the Board voted to approve the revised City of Baker School System Calendar for 2016-2017. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve the following job description:

- Supervisor of K-12 Instruction

Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mr. Dees, the Board voted to approve a resolution to:

- a. Authorize the City of Baker School Board and District to join the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority and to appoint Herman Brister, Ed.D. as Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years.
- b. To request and authorize the Authority to issue bonds not to exceed twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000.00) for the purpose of financing demolition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, and improvement of the flood damaged schools within the District, including all furnishings, fixtures and incidentals.
- c. To seek approval from the State Bond Commission for the issuance of the above mentioned bonds.
- d. To authorize the Board to select a purchaser for the bonds.
- e. To authorize Board officers to execute and deliver loan agreements or any other documents, certificates or related items necessary for the sale and delivery of the bond.

- f. To employ Government Consultants, Inc. of Baton Rouge, Louisiana as municipal advisor in conjunction with the bonds.
- g. To authorize the firm of Jones Walker, L.L.P. to act as bond counsel in connection with the issuance, marketing, and sale of the bonds.
- h. To authorize the Board to take any other steps and do any other things necessary and incidental to carry out the purposes of the resolution.

Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Dr. Carpenter seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to approve a resolution to authorize the Board President, Mrs. Shona P. Boxie, and the Board Secretary/Superintendent, Dr. Herman Brister, to execute any and all documents and to deliver any and all items necessary to any government agency, private authority, or person necessary for the completion of the sale of bonds for the demolition, construction, reconstruction, and improvement of the facilities of the City of Baker School System. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted approval for the Baker High School Band to travel to Lorman, Mississippi on October 29, 2016, to attend a "College Awareness/Experience Tour" at Alcorn State University. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

Superintendent Brister made the following announcements/remarks:

1. Under the direction of Mr. William Earvin, the Baker High School "Symphony of Soul" Band has participated in two competitions recently and has brought home the gold both times. We are very proud of the band and of Mr. Earvin's leadership.
2. We would like to dedicate the October 28th Baker High School football game to Breast Cancer Awareness as well as Domestic Violence Awareness.
3. After discussion with the Board and our facilitator, it has been decided that we will pick up our strategic planning again in January.

Mrs. Boxie thanked those in attendance for coming and announced the next meeting of the City of Baker School Board would be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Board Office.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Voting yes: Boxie, Johnson, Carpenter, Davis and Dees. Voting no: None.

Submitted by Dr. Herman Brister, Secretary.