

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
September 12, 2024

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at the Paul R. Brown Building located at 1360 Martin L. King, Jr. Drive in Elizabethtown, NC.

CALL TO ORDER meeting was called to order by President Minnie Price at 6:00pm.

COLORS POSTED by PRBLA Color Guard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by board members and others in attendance.

WELCOME President Minnie Price welcomed and greeted board members and visitors.

BOARD VALUES were repeated by board members.

PRBLA MISSION STATEMENT was read together by board members.

ROLL CALL/ QUORUM roll was called by secretary Joyce A. McLaughlin. The members present were: Mrs. Minnie Price, Dr. Aaron Cox, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mrs. Beverly Randolph and Joyce A. McLaughlin. Mr. Roland T. McKoy, III was excused. We do have a quorum. Others present were: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell, Mrs. Lovella Jacobs and Dr. Leroy Purdie.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA A motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Quenten Stewart to adopt the agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Scott Johnson to approve the minutes for July 11, 2024. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. No meeting was held in August due to Hurricane Debbie.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Jason Wray shared and discussed his report with the board members. The PRBLA Cadet enrollment at the end of the year was 196. The ADM payment changed this year. Instead of being based on the upcoming year's estimate, NC DPI paid ADM to Charter Schools based on the last PMR from the previous school year. What that means is that it was advantageous for PRBLA to continue to enroll students throughout the school year. Those schools that didn't, suffered a financial hit this school year. PRBLA was awarded ADM based on 204 students. PRBLA'S goal for this school year is 250 students. The Cadets have

participated in multiple events across the county one being the Sandyfield parade on 24 August.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT We are now completely in the Paul R. Brown Building with 4 full-time classes that includes 2 middle school PE classes, Sea Cadets class and high school PE class.

EPIC CENTER TASKS We have 2 EPIC CENTER TASKS due. Instructional day or hours requirement due Sept. 30, 2024 and Renewal Self Study due Nov. 30 2024.

STAFF - No new staff members. We have 2 new members in the Mess Hall.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS - There has been no significant changes in building improvements. The buildings are being properly maintain at all time. There are plans to replace several doors in the near future. Dr. Wray stated that the school had made growth the last two (2) years.

FINANCIAL REPORT Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared the August 2024 financial report with the board members. Copies of the report was given to board members and discussed. A motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Quenten Stewart to approve the financial report for August 2024. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT- Dr. Jason Wray shared report with the board members. All performance grades have been finalized. PRBLA finished with a Performance Grade of 61-C and more importantly we met academic growth which was the NCDPI Stipulation. Even though we were only required to meet academic growth, Dr. Wray said, "it felt really great to say, we are a C school.

The first NC Check-In will be at the end of October 2024. There is not much academics to report in the first few weeks of class.

EC COORDINATOR REPORT- Jeanal McDowell shared her report with the board members. There are 40 EC students, 14 middle school students, and 26 high school students. Mrs. McDowell said, the records of students enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year will continue to be monitored to determine if those students have been identified and require Special Education Services.

NUTRITIONAL REPORT – Mrs. Lovella Jacobs shared her report with the board members. In August 2024, she served meals for 14 days which is 8 days short of the normal 22-day work month. She served 2,024 student meals in the month of August. Mrs. Jacobs will no longer track staff meals because they only serve staff on A La Carte prices which are individual item prices. The Food warmer has been repaired and a new ice machine has been ordered. The corrections from the annual review are being made. She has two (2) new staff workers for the mess hall.

NEW BUSINESS- Staff is having problems with health insurance not covering several conditions. Dr. Jacqueline Wray is looking into other health insurance coverage. The first mandatory NCDPI ZOOM Training session will be held on September 19, 2024 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Beverly Randolph and seconded by Quentin Stewart to adjourn. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Recorded by

Joyce A. McLaughlin, Secretary