

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
November 14, 2024

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, November 14, 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 Madame Chairperson Minnie Price at 6:01 pm.

COLORS POSTED by PRBLA Color Guard.

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

WELCOME Madame Chairperson 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 Madam Chairperson Mrs. Minnie Price. The members present were: Mrs. Minnie Price, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mrs. Beverly Randolph and Mr. Roland T. McKoy, III. We do have a quorum. Others present were: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Mrs. Lovella Jacobs, Mrs. Theresa Lloyd, LTC Carl T. Lloyd, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell and her daughters Mia and Nia.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart to approve the minutes for October 10, 2024. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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 212. That is 5 more cadets since we met in October. This year we have had 237 students on our PowerSchool rolls. Our student enrollment goal for this school year is 250. We received ADM for 204 students, if we reach our goal of 250 that would be an additional \$345K for next school year.

The Cadets have participated in multiple events across the county one being posting the colors at the Fayetteville State University Homecoming.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT -We had to shift our focus to the plumbing in the Paul R. Brown Building. Dr. Wray will be meeting with the Bladen County Commissioners to ask to move funds around to repair the aging plumbing in this building.

EPIC CENTER TASKS -We have 2 EPIC CENTER TASKS due.
Annual Charter School Audit – 31 OCT 2024
Transportation Grant Application -31 OCT 2024

STAFF – No new staff members

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT- Dr. Jason Wray updated us that Quarter 1 Report Cards went out on Friday, 25 Oct 2024. As the first 9 weeks came to a close we conducted NC Check-Ins for Middle School English Language Arts, Middle School Math, and NC Math 1. Data will be shared in December with the Board of Directors. There was no NC Check-in for Science due to new standards.

Our Renewal Self-Study is due 30 November 2024. That report is ready to be uploaded and we feel pretty good about what we will be presenting.

VEHICLE FLEET UPDATE- LTC Lloyd reported by Dr. Wray

As of October 2024, we have 24 vehicles in our fleet with 4 more pending purchases. We have made arrangements to travel to Lenoir City on Saturday to collect those vehicles. We need at least 10 vehicles and 10 drivers to successfully run our bus routes. Vehicle maintenance cost in October 2024 was \$20,136.46 for a total of \$35,800.84 this year. We spent \$12,986.92 in fuel costs in October for a total of \$41,777.33 for this school year.

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

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 October 2024, she served meals for 22 days which is our first full month of serving a normal 22-day work month. She served 3369 student meals in the month of October. Mrs. Jacobs will no longer track staff meals because they only serve staff on A La Carte prices which are individual item prices.

NEW BUSINESS- Board Meeting Training December 19th, 2024 6:00-7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Mr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Recorded by

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