

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
July 11, 2024

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, July 11, 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 Mrs. Minnie Price at 6:01pm.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS PRBLA Color Guard posted colors.

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

WELCOME Mrs. Price welcomed visitors and board members.

BOARD VALUES Repeated by board members.

PRBLA MISSION STATEMENT Read together by board members.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM Roll was called by Secretary Joyce A. McLaughlin. Members present were: Mrs. Minnie Price, Dr. Aaron Cox, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mr. Roland T. McKoy, III, Mrs. Beverly Randolph, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Scott Johnson and Joyce A. McLaughlin. We do have a quorum. Others in attendance were: Dr. Jason Wray, LTC Carl T. Lloyd, Theresa Lloyd and Mrs. Lovella Jacobs.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Roland T. McKoy, III and seconded by Quenten Stewart to approve minutes for June 13, 2024 with the necessary corrections. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Dr. Jason Wray shared and discussed the Superintendent's report with the board members. The 2024-25 confirmed enrollment is currently 188. Parents must be contacted to assure that online applications were completed. Cadets must go through an onsite summer new recruit process. Then another onsite training session will be conducted during the first ten days of school to include uniform issuing and how to conduct yourself in the mess hall and in the hallways. PRBLA cadets posted the colors at Larrell Murchison's 4th Annual Community Fun Day and several other county events.

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

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT All End of Grade and End of Course testing was completed June 2024. There will be some major changes in the 2024 -2025 academic calendar.

One of the major changes will be ending the first semester at the Christmas break and the 2nd semester will be extended for more instructional time.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN REPORT Dr. Jason Wray made report. There are currently 34 children enrolled in EC at this time 16 middle school students and 18 high school students. The students will be monitored in 2024-2025 to determine if students need of special Education Services. PRBLA hosted "Works for Me Summer Camp." The camp was held June 24-28, 2025. Students from all Bladen County Schools were invited to participate in this enriching experience offered by Service Source. The program was a great success. No state report or certifications have been submitted since the last board meeting. No DPI reports are upcoming at this time.

NUTRITION REPORT Mrs. Lovella Jacobs reported that in June 2024 she served meals for 5 days, which is 17 days short of the normal 22 days work month. A total of 1069 student meals were served in June in comparison to 3902 student meals in May that included breakfast and lunch. She informed the board that meals will continue to be served throughout the summer. Meals are prepared at Elizabethtown Primary School and then transported to PRBLA for students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

CLOSED SESSION A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Walter Drummond to go into closed session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Dr. Aaron Cox to exit closed session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS Dr. Jason Wray covered testing updates and grant opportunities in his Superintendent's report. Several repairs have been made to the Paul R. Brown building. The building has been painted, 2 water fountains and outside cameras were installed. The classroom beside the gym floor is being redone. These repairs were funded by the Capital outlay from the Bladen County Board of Commissioners. Several doors will be replaced during the summer.

EPIC CENTER TASK There is no Epic Center ask due. A letter was submitted to the Office of Charter Schools indicating that we plan to renew our charter.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS A motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Scott Johnson to leave all Officers the same for another year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Scott Johnson to adjourn. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Recorded by,

Joyce A. McLaughlin, Secretary