

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2024

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at the Paul R. Brown Building, located at 1360 Martin L. King, Jr. Drive in Elizabethtown, NC.

Call TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mrs. Minnie Price at 6pm.

WELCOME: The welcome was addressed by Chairperson Mrs. Minnie Price.

BOARD VALUES: Repeated by Board members

PRBLA MISSION STATEMENT: Read together by Board members

ROLL CALL/QUORUM: The roll was called by Secretary Joyce A. McLaughlin and the members present were as follows: Mrs. Minnie Price, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Roland T. McKoy, III, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mrs. Beverly Randolph, Mr. Scott Johnson and Ms. Joyce A. McLaughlin. Member excused was Mr. Aaron Cox. We do have a quorum. Others in attendance, Dr. Jason Wray, Colonel Carl T. Lloyd, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Mrs. Theresa Lloyd, Mrs. Lovella Jacobs and Mrs. Jeanel McDowell.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Quenten Stewart to adopt the agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Roland T. McKoy, III to approve minutes for April 11, 2024. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Jason Wray shared and discussed his report with the board members. PRBLA has 209 cadets enrolled and 2 students shadowing at this time. The school has 82 applications pending and are expecting more for the next school year. In the past, 10-15 students fill out applications in person. This year the school will host 2 high school graduations at BCC. On Saturday, June 8, 2024 the on-site cadet's graduation will be at 10:00a.m. and the on-line cadet's graduation will be at 1:00p.m. the same day.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT: The school continues to focus on the 11 High Probability Instructional Strategies for every classroom. We are continuing to look for grants. We submitted our 21st Century application process for the next school year.

EPIC CENTER TASKS: We have no EPIC CENTER task due.

STAFF: No new staff members.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS: No building improvements this month as we are on an emergency spending plan for the remainder of the school year.

INSTRUCTIONAL COACH REPORT: Dr. Jason Wray shared updates. Students are following a specific designed schedule that focus on End of Grade and End of Course preparations.

NC CHECK-INS: All science and Biology check-ins will be completed prior to Memorial Day weekend.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared financial report with the board members. She noted that the school has enough funds to cover the rest of the year. A motion was made by Beverly Randolph and seconded by Walter Drummond to approve the financial report for April 2024. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN REPORT: There are currently 39 students in ECP (16 middle school students and 23 high school students). We have 2 seniors that will exit the program in June with a North Carolina High School Diploma. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant has to be submitted in draft approved by 31 May 2024.

NUTRITIONAL REPORT: Mrs. Lovella Jacobs shared update on Nutritional Report with board members. In April 2024, meals served to students were 3,606 and staff 258 for a total of 3,864. Our Annual Review has just been completed. We were briefed on our preliminary findings. The final report will be ready in 45-60 days.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Old business discussed in Superintendent's report

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN B: Board members were reminded of Board Training on May 30, 2024 at 6:00pm via Zoom. Board Retreat on June 26-27, 2024 in person.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion to go into closed session was made by Quenten Stewart and seconded by Walter Drummond. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Motion to exit closed session was made by Roland T. McKoy, III and seconded by Scott Johnson. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Maximum Enrollment Request – Motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Beverly Randolph to approve maximum enrollment request from 280 to 300. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Review Bylaws and Update – Bylaws were reviewed and updated by Board members.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Walter Drummond and seconded by Scott Johnson. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024.

Recorded by,

Joyce A. McLaughlin, Secretary