

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
February 13, 2025

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, 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 Ms. Minnie Price at 6:00pm.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Posted by PRBLA Color Guard

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

WELCOME visitors and board members were greeted by President Ms. Minnie Price.

BOARD VALUES were repeated by board members.

PRBLA MISSION STATEMENT was read by board members.

ROLL CALL/ QUORUM roll was called by Secretary Joyce A. McLaughlin. The members present were as follows: Ms. Minnie Price, Dr. Aaron Cox, Mr. Roland T. Mckoy, III, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mrs. Beverly Randolph and Joyce A. McLaughlin. We do have a quorum. Others in attendance were: Dr. Jason Wray, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell, Mrs. Lovella Cromartie, Mrs. Theresa Lloyd and Rev. Vincent Rozier.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Dr. Aaron Cox to approve the minutes for January 9, 2025 with the necessary corrections. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS'S REPORT Dr. Jason Wray shared and discussed the Superintendent's report with the board members and others in attendance. The cadet enrollment was 223, nineteen higher than the start of the year. Applications are continuing to be monitored on a weekly basis to ensure we capture all interested families. The goal for enrollment this year is 250. The cadets have participated in several events across the county, namely the NC Charter School Student Showcase and the 2025 Charter Summit.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT Repairs were made to update light fixtures in the main building and mess hall. Other light fixtures will be replaced in the future.

EPIC CENTER TASKS

There is still one Epic Center Task due. The audit has not been completed. We did receive \$67k grant from the Transportation Grant. Dr. Wray reminded us that a Podcast will be done with Mrs. Rhonda Dillingham, NC Charter Schools Executive Director on February 14, 2025.

STAFF There are no new staff members.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT - Dr. Jason Wray shared that the NC Checks 2.0B have been completed for all subjects. The school has one more round of Check Ins to go in March before Spring Break 2025. After break the students will countdown to EOG/EOC Testing. The Office of Charter School Onsite Renewal Visit will be April 15, 2025.

A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Walter Drummond to approve our Summer Testing Plan. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Jason Wray shared and discussed the Vehicle Report with the board of directors.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The financial report was made by Mrs. Jeanal McDowell. Copies of the report were given to board members. A motion was made by Scott Johnson and seconded by Beverly Randolph to approve financial report for January 2025. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN REPORT – There are 46 EC students, 15 middle school students, and 31 high school students. The records of students who enrolled for 2024-2025 will continue to be monitored to determine if those students have been identified and require special education services.

NUTRITION REPORT – Ms. Lovella Cromartie stated that meals were served for 15 days which is 7 days short of the 22 days of full month of serving. In January 2556 student meals were served compared to 2592 meals in December (breakfast and lunch were included). Staff meals are no longer tracked because staff meals are only served based on A La Carte prices which are individual item prices.

VEHICLE UPDATE Report made by Dr. Jason Wray.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS None

CLOSED SESSION (if needed) No closed session

OLD BUSINESS – Covered in Superintendent’s Report

NEW BUSINESS – The next board training session with Dr. Caldwell will be March 20, 2025 at 6:00pm via Zoom. The Renewal Site Visit will be held in person on the campus of PRBLA at 9:00am on April 15, 2025. This meeting is for board members, teachers, other staff, students and parents.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Walter Drummond to adjourn. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:38pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 6pm.

Recorded by,

Joyce A. McLaughlin,
Secretary