

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2023

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order by Dr. Leroy Purdie at 4:10 pm. Pledge of Allegiance by board members and others in attendance. Welcome by Dr. Purdie.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM Roll call by Secretary Joyce McLaughlin. Members present were: Dr. Leroy Purdie, Ms. Minnie Price, Mr. Roland T. McKoy, III, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mrs. Christina Lamb, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Scott Johnson, and Joyce A. McLaughlin. Member absent was Mrs. Annie Walker. We do have a quorum. Others in attendance were: Dr. Jason Wray, Col. Carl T. Lloyd, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Ms. Amoy Cooper, Mrs. Stephanie Bryan, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell, Mrs. Calandra Cottingham, and Ms. Maribel Catarso.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded Roland T. McKoy, III to adopt the agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion was made by Roland T. McKoy, III and seconded by Scott Johnson to approve minutes. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION Motion was made by Minnie Price and seconded by Walter Drummond to go into closed session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Roland T. McKoy, III to exit closed session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT Dr. Jason Wray shared and discussed Superintendants report with the board. The PRBLA currently has 158 students enrolled an increase of 19 students. Dr. Wray also discussed summer testing for students. Dr. Jason Wray asked the Trustee Board members to be in attendance for the PRBLA Renewal meeting with the CSAB on February 6, 2023 in Raleigh, N.C. Dr. Wray also informed board that one of the former students, Stanari Ballard graduated from Pembroke State University with a B.S. in Education. She has been hired and is the newest member of the PRBLA Faculty. A new school awning was installed on January 12, 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared the December Financial Report with the Board members. Motion was made by Minnie Price and seconded by Scott Johnson to approve financial report. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

She reported that 11 students met requirements for the Homeless McKinney Fund. Dr. Wray stated that calls, emails, and letters have been sent out to counties to collect delinquent payments for students. Motion was made by Minnie Price and seconded by Scott Johnson to approve the report. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN REPORT Mrs. Jeanal McDowell reported an increase of 5 new students in the program. There is a total of 14 middle school students and 19 high school for a total of 33 students in the program. She found there was no gap in student disability.

NUTRITION REPORT Mrs. Stephanie Bryan reported that a new summer meals program would be available to feed children in the community. The meals [breakfast and lunch] will be served at PRBLA in the Mess Hall. A new dishwasher has also been installed in the kitchen.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT Mrs. Amoy Cooper stated that the Bladen County Library donated 10 books to PRBLA Library. She also stated the cadets had checked out over 100 books from the Bookmobile.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

OLD BUSINESS Dr. Wray said summer session plan has been approved. The school also met growth. Ms. Lamb reported that the COVID category was high in Bladen County. Recommended mask still be worn as a precautionary measure. The board members that voted in favor of the mask mandate were: Dr. Leroy Purdie, Minnie Price, Christina Lamb, Joyce McLaughlin, Roland T. McKoy, III and Scott Johnson. Members that voted optional for wearing masks were: Walter Drummond and Quenten Stewart.

Motion was made by Roland T. McKoy, III and seconded by Minnie Price for mask to be worn at PRBLA for the next thirty days.

NEW BUSINESS Dr. Wray and Mr. McKoy stated they received donations for replacing the roof on the gym. Repairs will also be made on 2 bathrooms in the gym.

ADJOURNMENT Motion was made by Roland T. McKoy, III and seconded by Walter Drummond to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm. The next meeting will be February 9, 2023 at 4:00pm

Recorded by

Joyce A. McLaughlin, Secretary