

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
January 9, 2025 6:00 PM

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, December 12, 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 6:00 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 Mrs. Beverly Randolph called the roll. Members present were: Ms. Minnie Price, Dr. Aaron Cox, Mr. Qenten Stewart, Mrs. Beverly Randolph, Mr. Roland T. McKoy III, and Mr. Walter Drummond. Member absent was Scott Johnson. Secretary Joyce McLaughlin was excused. Others present were: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Mrs. Theresa Lloyd, LTC Carl T. Lloyd, Mrs. Lovell Jacobs Cromartie, Ms. Brittney McMillian, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Janel McDowell, and her daughters Nia and Mia.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA for December 12, 2024. Motion was made by Mr. Drummond and seconded by Dr. Cox to adopt the agenda for December 12, 2024. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for November 14, 2024. Motion was made by Mr. McKoy and seconded by Dr. Cox to approve minutes for November 14, 2024. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 9, 2025 Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Stewart to adopt the agenda for January 9, 2025. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for December 12, 2024 Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve minutes for January 9, 2025. 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 219. That is 2 more cadets since we met in December. This year we have had 248 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. Even at 219, we stand to receive an additional \$97K If we don't increase anymore this year. The Cadets have participated in multiple events across the county, to include the Navy League Sea Cadets training in South Carolina and Mrs. Lovella Cromartie's Wedding on December 28, 2024.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT –We met with Powell Cross to work out the plans and details for repairing the bathrooms. We have about \$42K committed to that project.

EPIC CENTER TASKS –We still have 1 EPIC CENTER TASKS due. Annual Charter School Audit due on October 31, 2024. The CPA has already sent a letter stating it will be delayed. We have submitted the Board Conflict of Interest Policy.

STAFF –We have one (1) new staff member, Mrs. Marian Coe.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT- Dr. Jason Wray updated us. Our first semester ended on 20 December 2024. Report cards will go home on 15 January 2025. We had 11 NC Math 1 End of Course testing for 36%. The English 2 score is not completed yet. Those have to go off to be scored due to the writing component of the English 2 End of Course Test. Our NC Math1 students who did not score proficient will get another shot in June for summer testing. Last year we got 4 out of 14 for 28% which was the highest in the school's history. We picked up another 4 giving us 7 out of 14 for 50%. We expect to pick up more this summer in NC Math 1. We have identified 4 possible pickups for the summer that would give us 8 out of 11 for 72%. We have our Office of Charter School Onsite Renewal Visit on 15 April 2025 More information will follow on that visit.

VEHICLE FLEET UPDATE- LTC Lloyd report given by Dr. Wray
As of December 2024, we have 22 vehicles in our fleet. We have 2 vehicles that are code red meaning they are not functioning.
We need at least 10 vehicles and 10 drivers to successfully run our bus routes. Vehicle maintenance cost in December 2024 was \$7,202.00 for a total of \$63,352.00 for this year. We spent \$12,228.95 in fuel costs in December for a total of \$70,780.49 for this school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared the December 2024 financial report with the board members. Copies of the reports were given to board members and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Drummond and seconded by Dr. Cox to approve the financial report for December 2024. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EC COORDINATOR REPORT- Jeanal McDowell shared her report with the board members. There are 42 EC students, 14 middle school students, and 28 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.

The student counts are taken each year on December 1 and April 1. The April 1 count will no longer be taken. Instead, the count on December 1 will be used for both the federal and the state funding.

NUTRITIONAL REPORT – Mrs. Lovella Jacobs Cromartie shared her report with the board members. In December 2024, she served meals for 14 days which is 8 days short of the normal 22-day full month. She served 3534 student meals in December. This includes breakfast and lunch. This is our largest service of the school year. NCDPI will reimburse us in the amount \$9,670.02 for those meals served in December.

Mrs. Jacobs will no longer track staff meals because they only serve staff on A La Carte prices which are individual item prices.

CLOSED SESSION Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Drummond to go into closed session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. McKoy to exit closed session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – All items discussed in Superintendent’s Report

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Training - January 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM via Zoom

Renewal Site Visit – April 15, 2025 at 9:15am

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Recorded by,

Beverly Randolph, Acting Secretary