

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 – BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BETTIS PREPARATORY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by chairperson – Wesley Hightower

Invocation led by Calvin Cooks

Pledge of Allegiance recited

BPLA mission statement read by all present

Members Present

Calvin Cooks

Sallie Cooks

Patricia Knight

Wesley Hightower

Elizabeth Jackson

Members Absent

Annette Kelly

Charles Morgan

Administrative Staff Present

Dr. Myrtis Brightharp-Walker

Motioned by Sallie Cooks and seconded by Calvin Cooks to accept the agenda as presented.

Motioned by Calvin Cooks and seconded by Patricia Knight to accept the June and August minutes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Sallie Cooks and seconded by Patricia Knight that BPLA email accounts be created for all board members so their personal information is not compromised. Motion carried.

Principal's Report

School needs an additional school bus. The two 14-passenger buses we have are running 2 routes.

Thank you to Patricia Knight in recommending a fill-in bus driver on 9/13. John Stevens drove both routes.

Mt. Canaan Baptist Church has a 30-passenger bus that's in good condition. Needs a paint job – quote from Dennis Brighthop - \$3,700 to \$4,000. Will need someone to look at the upholstery. Question about the auxiliary brake. Will need driver with CDL license. Approximate cost - \$15,000.

Dr. Walker will be composing a letter for a Transportation Drive – fundraiser. Fifty more computers will be ordered using the remainder of the ESSER III funds.

Programs are needed for our boys and girls. If you know of anyone that has a working program let Dr. Walker know.

STEM Program is presented every 1st Saturday.

Pine Knoll Farms field trip is October 13. It will include a Social Studies lesson and Art. Mrs. Blanton is sending charter buses to transport students and staff.

Safety Meeting was attended by Patricia Knight and Wesley Hightower. The question came up if there was a bomb threat – where would we take our children? Buses are needed to transport them to the location.

In-school detention is better than suspension. It gives the teacher time to cool-off and the student time to calm down.

Have a Nurse coming from Augusta; she wanted a change from the Detention Center – reporting on October 1.

State Test Results: 10% of problems are the instructors.

No board member reports at this time. Board members received reading material from the Chaplain – Calvin Cooks.

Motioned by Sallie Cooks and seconded by Calvin Cooks to go into Executive Session.

Motioned by Sallie Cooks and seconded by Calvin Cooks to close Executive Session. No decision made to vote on.

Motion to adjourn by Calvin Cooks and seconded by Sallie Cooks. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Humbly submitted,

Your secretary

Elizabeth J. Jackson