

**Grambling High Foundation  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
LPS High School Building  
June 28, 2023 – 12:00 Noon**

- A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wiley at 12:00 Noon.
- B. Prayer**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Approval of the General Meeting Agenda** – Mr. Tatum moved to approve the General Meeting Agenda. This was seconded by Ms. McIntyre. The agenda was approved without opposition from the Board.
- E. Adoption of Previous Minutes** – Mr. Tatum moved to adopt the previous minutes. This was seconded by Ms. McIntyre. The previous minutes were adopted without opposition from the Board.
- F. Roll Call**
- a. Present Members**
1. Robert Wiley
  2. Clara Lewis
  3. Barbara McIntyre
  4. Pamela Stewart
  5. Don Tatum
  6. Ed Watley
- b. Absent Members**
1. Hollis Downs
  2. Eddie Robinson, III
  3. Elizabeth Smith
- G. Public Comments** – None.
- H. Report of the Executive Director** –
- a. Enrollment:** 296 new student applications. Expecting enrollment of 810 students. 80 students on waiting list. We are capping 9<sup>th</sup> grade at 72 students this year.
- b. Grade Configuration:**
1. Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten at Grambling Junction.
  2. Grades 1-12 at the new main campus.
  3. Summer testing is at main campus.
- c. Summer Schedule**
1. Ribbon Cutting held May 22, 2023
    - Lots of good feedback
    - Great press received
  2. Teacher Leader Summit, New Orleans – May 31
    - Took 27 administrators and teachers

- Teachers will present during professional development at the beginning of the school year
- 3. National Charter Schools, Austin, TX – June 19
  - Mr. Ford and Dr. Washington attended
  - Mr. Ford participated with Georgetown University in a presentation on education finance
- 4. Jump Start Summers
  - ServeSafe
  - Oil and Gas Production/T-2 Safety
  - Emergency Medical Responder
  - LDOE visited to review our program
  - Board Members asked questions about the certifications. Student certifications allow them to begin work in their field immediately.

**d. Summer School**

1. HS LEAP 2025 remediation (30 hours)
  - HS scores up 30-35% from previous year
2. Intervention for 3rd and 4th grade
  - Required for students not on grade level
3. Extended School Year (ESY) for SWD
  - Offered to qualified students on IEP
4. Enrichment offered to all K-8 students
5. Lincoln Prep cafeteria remains open all summer
  - Open to all local kids age 4-18
  - May eat on-site or pickup meals
  - Breakfast and Lunch only during summer
  - During the school year: breakfast, lunch, snack and summer

**I. New Business:** none

**J. Reports**

- a. **Financial** – No report in June.
- b. **Other Reports** – Board Member Watley school visit to McDonough 35 in New Orleans.

**K. Old Business**

- a. **ERTC Refund Status Update** – funds have still not been received. School may need to access loan or line of credit to meet end-of-year obligations. Cashflow issues due to lower than expected enrollment, paying for two campuses, and federal fund reimbursements. There was also an increase in costs for alternative program costs due to adding high school students to NLWS. Total expected shortfall is about \$500,000.

Attorney Stewart moved to approve The Executive Director to move forward with loan

or line of credit, with final approval by Board Chairman after legal review. This was seconded by Mr. Watley. The motion passed without opposition from the Board.

**b. Construction Update –**

1. Completion dates have been pushed back about one more week . . .
  - Exterior Site Work – complete
  - Gymnasium – punch list on-going
    - Pads on site for installation
    - Lockers arrived today
    - Drop down curtain this week
2. Track, lights, goalposts, fieldhouse, baseball and softball dates are still TBD.
3. Scoreboard and play clocks provided by CocaCola
4. Cafeteria is up and running
5. Football Stadium and Fieldhouse
  - Plans are complete
  - Pricing due next week
6. Pictures were shown

Board asked if we will be able to play on the field in the fall. We intend to play on our field, but the bleachers are currently on backorder.

- c. **Property Swap Resolution** - Mr. Tatum moved to approve the resolution. This was seconded by Attorney Stewart. The resolution was approved without opposition from the Board.
- d. **Principal of the Year Information:** no update - Executive Director Ford is a semifinalist for Louisiana Principal of the Year. Finalist to be announced at the Teacher Leader Summit in June. Winner will be announced at the Principal/Teacher of the Year Gala on July 22, 2023. Board members are encouraged to make plans to attend the Gala. More information to come on tables and tickets.
- e. **Complaint by former employee:** Lincoln Prep received a complaint from LDOE that was submitted by a former employee. Executive Director Ford spoke with LDOE to answer questions regarding the complaint and submitted the requested documentation. All information was reviewed with Attorney Storms. Additional discussion was referred to Executive Session
- f. **Ribbon Cutting and Open House** . . . will be Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. State Treasurer and House Speaker are confirmed to attend. Guest list provided to Board for review and comment. VIP reception and tours at 9:00. Event begins at 10:00 with tours to follow. 100-yard ribbon has been ordered that will allow attendees to save a portion as a souvenir.
- g. **Charter Board Governance Program:** No additional discussion. Will remain in Old Business in future meetings. LDOE and LAPCS looking to increase Board capacity and is offering opportunities.

**L. Relationships with City of Grambling and Grambling State University – nothing to report**

**M. Future Meetings**

a. **Next Meeting Date** – The next meeting will be on July 31, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

**N. Announcements –**

a. Cheerleaders won first place in nearly every category at cheer camp.

**O. Executive Session – none**

**P. Adjournment** – Mr. Downs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Attorney Stewart seconded this motion. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.