

Grambling High Foundation
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
LPS Multipurpose Building
October 24, 2022 – 6:30 PM

- A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wiley at 6:35 PM.
- B. Prayer**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Approval of the General Meeting Agenda** – Ms. Stewart moved to approve the General Meeting Agenda. This was seconded by Ms. Smith. The agenda was approved without opposition from the Board.
- E. Adoption of Previous Minutes** – Ms. McIntyre moved to adopt the previous minutes. This was seconded by Ms. Smith the previous minutes were adopted without opposition from the Board.
- F. Roll Call**
 - a. Present Members**
 - 1. Robert Wiley
 - 2. Barbara McIntyre
 - 3. Elizabeth Smith
 - 4. Pamela Stewart
 - 5. Don Tatum
 - b. Absent Members**
 - 1. Hollis Downs
 - 2. Clara Lewis
 - 3. Eddie Robinson, III
 - 4. Ed Watley
- G. Public Comments** – Although the meeting was open to the public, no members of the public were present to comment.
- H. Report of the Executive Director** –
 - a.** Current enrollment is 731, with 39 attending NLW alternative placement classes. 1,049 total applications have been received, which is increased from 696 applications at the same time last year. 157 applications were received after September 30 last year.
 - b.** Grade Configuration:
 - 1. Currently grades K-2 at NLW (leased second floor of building) and grades 3-12 at Grambling Junction Campus.
 - 2. Proposed after Christmas . . . Kindergarten will remain at NLW and grades 1-12 would move to new school campus. Board members preferred this configuration to the plan discussed at the September meeting.
 - c.** Extra-curricular highlights: Football team is 3-5. Team won Homecoming Middle school basketball season has begun. Boys won Arcadia Tournament and Girls were second place at the Tournament. Homecoming was a big success. Paid attendance was more than 500 which is the largest attendance at a Lincoln Prep game. Previous high was about 360. The Homecoming Dance was well attended.
 - d.** Miscellaneous updates:

1. Innovative Assessment – Students in grades 5-8 will participate in the program. Those students will take their LEAP English/Language Arts Assessment in three sections instead of the end of the year. They will be tested immediately after each of the three modules of the course are taught. So instead of waiting until the end of the year and taking one large assessment, they will take smaller assessments in October, February and April. In field testing, students performed better than on traditional, end-of-year exams. Grade 5 will be a field test this year and will also have to take the end-of-year LEAP Assessment.
2. Intensive ACT Tutoring – Dr. Washington is piloting a new ACT prep program in her dual enrollment class
3. WorkKeys Testing – we will be testing all 11th and 12th grade students on the ACT WorkKeys exam. Although there is a proposal to limit the use of the exam, it has not yet been approved. Many students do better on this exam than the traditional ACT, as it is believed to be less culturally biased. Kids take both exams and the highest score counts into our School Performance Score.
4. Positive Behavior Events:
 - Hosted ice cream party for students completing work packets or projects over Fall Break
 - Working on Honor Roll Breakfast and Student Hall of Fame for future events.
5. Staff Awards presented at Staff Development Breakfast
 - Highest Test Score Index
 - Ms. Paula Hill- Highest Index in Elementary/Middle School
 - Mr. Darren Ambrose- Highest Index in High School
 - Annual Awards
 - Ms. Carla Woods- Staff Person of the Year*
 - Mrs. Shameka Davis- Newcomer of the Year
 - Ms. Regina Manning- Teacher of the Year*
 - Mr. Gordan Ford- Principal of the Year*
(Woods, Manning and Ford will compete at state level)
 - Student of the Year coming soon
6. **Homecoming/Senior Night** – Showed pictures from homecoming
 - Crowd and cheerleaders
 - Football Seniors and families – 13 seniors
 - Band (Edward Ford is new school drum major)
 - Homecoming court
 - Dance – inside cafeteria, very well-attended
7. **Additional Activities Homecoming Weekend**
 - Staff member and several students participated in elementary football game – LPS had coach, players and cheerleaders. Several elementary teachers attended to support their students
 - Arcadia Basketball tournament – previously discussed

8. Provided Board new Board of Regents approved admission standards. BoR now recognizes dual enrollment and college GPA in the admission process. ACT will likely now only be a factor for some schools, but no longer a gate-keeper for college enrollment.

I. Reports

- a. **Financial** – MFP funding was expected to be at 25% collected but is currently at 22% due to a lag in receiving the funds. Approximately \$114k in Federal grants requested for the month of August. September and personnel requests not completed yet. Cash flow is improving each month. Cafeteria reimbursement through August on the report. Just received September numbers which were highest ever. Invoice was \$80K. Reimbursement was \$114K. So gross profit was over \$34K. Food Service vendor is SLA Management, Orlando-based company with offices in Louisiana. They cook on site at GSU cafeteria. We are billed per meal and receive full reimbursement from the state for those meals. Board member asked is kids are eating. They are not eating as well as we would like, but expect them to eat better once we have actual serving lines at the new school. Food is cooked and packaged, then delivered to our campuses. Younger kids eat more, while older kids tend to be a little more picky. was \$14,634, with a net income of \$4,036. Expenses are projected to be a 25% and current expenditures are at 27.2%. We have already generated a net positive in our general fund for the year. Board members expressed a desire to have Financial Reports presented in Object Format versus Function Format. Board members had questions about receiving more detailed reports. Board wants full report of all expenditures year-to-date.
- b. **Other Reports – None.**

J. Old Business

- a. **New Charter School** . . . Executive director did not receive any additional questions and is seeking approval to submit the application. If approved, the school would open in 2024. Mr. Tatum moved to submit the charter application. This was seconded by Ms. Smith the motion was adopted without opposition from the Board.
- b. **Material Amendment** – Executive Director explained the reasons for considering enlarging the high school. One reason was due to LHSAA classification. The other reason was to provide additional scheduling flexibility in high school. The material amendment is not needed at this time. Board asked for information on school performance. Executive director provided unofficial school performance data and charter renewal information to board. Board had questions on the impact of the size increase on school performance.
- c. **Construction Update** –
 1. Completion dates have been pushed back a little more . . .
 - Administration/Library – 12/30/2022
 - Cafeteria – 12/23/2022
 - High School Wing – 12/12/2022
 - Middle School Wing – 12/6/2022
 - Grades 3-4 Wing – 12/15/2022

- Grades 1-2 Wing – 12/20/2022
- Gymnasium – 2/22/2023
- 2. 72 percent complete as of October 13, 2022
 - Roofing complete
 - Bathroom tile complete
 - Interior painting has begun
 - Road paving and sidewalks beginning
- 3. Football stadium work will begin this week
- 4. Track, lights, goalposts, fieldhouse, baseball and softball dates are still TBD.
- d. **Ribbon Cutting and Open House** . . . TBD. Want to have a soft opening prior to having the Open House.
- e. **Relationship between Grambling High Foundation and Grambling State University** – City of Grambling has approved their portion of the sewer project.
- K. **Future Meetings**
 - a. **Next Meeting Date** – The next meeting will be on December 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM.
- L. **Announcements** – Lots of Middle School basketball games. Thursday versus Cedar Creek. Season finale versus Ouachita Christian next week.
- M. **Executive Session (if necessary)** – not held
- N. **Adjournment** – Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stewart seconded this motion. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.