

**Grambling High Foundation  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
LPS Multipurpose Building  
December 12, 2022 – 6:30 PM**

- A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wiley at 6:30 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 Mrs. McIntyre. The agenda was approved without opposition from the Board.
- E. Adoption of Previous Minutes** – Mr. Downs moved to adopt the previous minutes. This was seconded by Ms. Stewart. 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. Hollis Downs
    - 5. Pamela Stewart
  - b. Absent Members**
    - 1. Eddie Robinson, III
    - 2. Elizabeth Smith
    - 3. Don Tatum
    - 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. Enrollment:** Current enrollment is 715, with 32 attending NLW alternative placement classes. 1,105 total applications have been received.
  - 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:**
    - 1. Football team made playoffs. Team lost first round playoff game to Ascension Catholic School. Took 5 bus loads of kids, with band, cheerleaders, dance team and spectators.
    - 2. Basketball season has begun. Will play most home games at New Living Word School

3. Taekwondo Team competed in a tournament in Dallas, Texas. Several students placed in individual and team events (board breaking, sparring, and poomsae). Several students and teachers are involved in the program.

**d. Miscellaneous updates:**

1. Innovative Assessment – Students in grades 5-8 participated in the program.
  - Received 1st set of results
  - Using results to inform instruction
  - Comprehension is area of concern
2. WorkKeys Testing – we have begun testing all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the ACT WorkKeys exam. 1 student has achieved Platinum (equivalent to 27 on ACT) and 2 students have achieved Gold (equivalent to 22 on ACT)

**e. School Performance Score:**

Overall score up 4.4% (will eventually be up 10%) from simulated score in 2021. Increases in every area except High School Progress index. Overall score has exceeded the pre-COVID score.

**I. New Business**

- a. 2022 LAPCS Annual Conference:** December 15, 2022

**b. Special Education Video Surveillance Policy:**

Policy is required by Act 456 of Legislature in 2020. We don't currently have any students or classrooms that qualify. Law requires a policy in place by December 31, 2022. Template was provided by the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools. Ms. Stewart moved adoption of the policy. Mrs. McIntyre seconded. The motion passed without objection.

- c. Charter Board Governance Program:** Sent email to Board members to consider. Training offered by the Department of Education. Board discussed possible ways to take advantage of training. Will be discussed in Old Business in future meetings.

- d. 2023-24 Balanced Calendar:** Received ESSER Funds to implement a balanced calendar. Balanced calendar is believed to mitigate learning loss, primarily for economically disadvantaged students. Economically disadvantaged students make up more than 90% of the LPs population. Proposed calendar would move last day of school by three weeks. Those three weeks are then inserted into the calendar to create an Intersession, where students would have an opportunity to "catch-up" at the end of the grading period rather than waiting until the end of the year. Looking to implement in Fall 2023. Board action is not required, however the Board has the right to vote on implementation. Board can accept the calendar, reject the calendar or leave it to school administration to decide.

**J. Reports**

- a. Financial** – MFP funding was expected to be at 42% collected but is currently at 38.3% due to a lag in receiving the funds. Approximately \$114k in Federal grants requested for

the month of August that has not been received. September through November requests are in work. We currently have a cash flow deficit due to federal reimbursements. Cafeteria reimbursement through November on the report. September is highest month on record with \$114K in reimbursements. We also received an extra payment in October to help with inflation costs. Year-to-date gross profit is over \$125K. Expenses are projected to be at 42% and current expenditures are at 39.6% (33% for salaries and 34% for benefits). We purposely left some positions vacant and moved more of salaries to bonuses, which helps with cash flow. LPS bonuses are now the same as faculty and staff at the Lincoln Parish School Board. Several questions were asked about salary scales and bonuses. Executive Director will provide scales at next meeting. Board members received Financial Reports presented in Object Format and Function Format. In our Activity Fund, we earned nearly \$14K, despite not having a stadium, with games at Lakeside, Ouachita Christian, and Cedar Creek (vs. River Oaks). We also had revenue from Richwood game and playoff game.

**b. Other Reports – None.**

**K. Old Business**

**a. New Charter School . . .** Executive director submitted the application to LPSB. He has had one conversation with their project officer and has yet to receive any feedback.

**b. Material Amendment –** No update

**c. Construction Update –**

1. Completion dates have been pushed back a little more . . . delays on electrical panels that control air conditioning. That is holding up ceiling tiles and furniture. We are currently projecting the last week in January.

- Administration/Library – 1/20/2023
- Cafeteria – 1/24/2023
- High School Wing – 1/17/2023
- Middle School Wing – 1/10/2023
- Grades 3-4 Wing – 1/12/2023
- Grades 1-2 Wing – 1/19/2023
- Gymnasium – 3/29/2023

2. 80 percent complete as of December 8, 2022

- Roofing complete
- Bathroom tile complete
- Interior painting has begun
- Road paving and sidewalks beginning

3. Football stadium work has begun. Concrete curbing is complete.

4. Track, lights, goalposts, fieldhouse, baseball and softball dates are still TBD.

5. **Sewer:**

- City of Grambling sewer work is nearly complete.
- LPS sewer work is beginning soon.

6. **Land Swap:** working to swap nearly equal portions of land near entrance road.
7. **Entrance:** Plan to eventually dedicate road to City and name for Dr. Copeland.
8. Multiple pictures shown to Board Members. Pictures were also uploaded to social media pages.

- d. **Ribbon Cutting and Open House . . .** TBD. Want to have a soft opening prior to having the Open House.

**L. Relationship between Grambling High Foundation and Grambling State University –** Added City of Grambling to this line item.

- a. **City of Grambling:** Met with Mayor-elect to give him our school overview briefing. Sewer work is nearly complete.
- b. **Grambling State University:** Dual enrollment classes, three residency teachers, Dr. Washington approved as Adjunct Faculty in College of Education to teach a dual enrollment course at LPS.

**M. Future Meetings**

- a. **Next Meeting Date –** The next meeting will be on January 30, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Meeting might be at the new school campus . . .

**N. Announcements –**

- a. Annual ethics training – due by end of year.
- b. Lots of games on the basketball schedule.

**O. Executive Session (if necessary) –** not held

**P. Adjournment –** Mr. Downs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. McIntyre seconded this motion. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.