

**Grambling High Foundation
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lincoln Preparatory School Conference Room
September 11, 2023 – 12:00 Noon**

- A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wiley at 12:00 p.m.
- B. Prayer**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Public Budget Hearing**
 - a. Motion to approve the Opening of a Public Hearing on 2023-24 budget:** Attorney Stewart moved to open the Public Hearing. This was seconded by Mrs. McIntyre and approved without opposition from the Board.
 - b. Public comments:** Although the meeting was open to the public, no members of the public were present, and no comments were made.
 - c. Motion to approve the Closing of the Public Hearing:** Attorney Stewart moved to close the Public Hearing. This was seconded by Mrs. McIntyre and approved without opposition from the Board.

- E. Approval of the General Meeting Agenda:** Mr. Watley moved to approve the General Meeting Agenda. This was seconded by Attorney Stewart. The agenda was approved without opposition from the Board.

- F. Adoption of Previous Minutes:** deferred to next meeting

- G. Roll Call**
 - a. Present Members**
 - 1. Robert Wiley
 - 2. Clara Lewis
 - 3. Barbara McIntyre
 - 4. Pamela Stewart
 - 5. Ed Watley

 - b. Absent Members**
 - 1. Hollis Downs
 - 2. Eddie Robinson, III
 - 3. Elizabeth Smith
 - 4. Don Tatum

- H. Public Comments** – None.

- I. Report of the Executive Director** –
 - a. Enrollment:** 412 new student applications. 222 have been accepted. Expecting enrollment of 807 students.
 - b. Grade Configuration:**

1. Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten at at Grambling Junction.
2. Grades 1-12 at the new main campus.
3. Testing is at main campus.
4. Alternative placement – TBD

c. Extracurricular

1. Football Program
 - 44 students participating
 - Lost 1st game . . . Won game 2
2. Highest student participation
 - Band
 - Cheerleading
 - Robotics

d. Miscellaneous Updates

1. LEAP scores up in K-8 and HS
 - K-8 scores up 10%
 - HS scores up 25%
2. Recognized in Dual Enrollment Report
 - Only school in Louisiana where all 2022 graduates participated in dual enrollment
 - 1 of 4 schools where 100% of minority students took at least 1 dual enrollment course

J. New Business:

- a. Approval of Budget Resolution and Annual Operating Budget for FY 2023-24:** The only proposed changes to the budget were additional federal funds authorized.
- Mr. Watley had previously asked questions about interest rates we are receiving on our CD's and construction funds. New CD's (5 @ \$200K each) are at 5.1% the two other CD's (total \$150K) are at a lower rate, but secure our line of credit. To increase the rate on the CD's, we would also get a higher rate on the LOC. Construction funds are managed by Regions trustee and receive approximately 5% APR as well. We also receive interest on our Reserve funds (\$1.8M for 2021 bonds and \$1.1M for 2022 bonds) that will flow back into our operating fund.

Mr. Watley moved to approve the General Meeting Agenda. This was seconded by Mrs. McIntyre. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

K. Reports: None

L. Old Business

- a. ERTC Refund Status Update** – funds received August 8, 2023.
- b. Construction Update** –
 1. Academic building – complete
 - Warranty work in progress

- Air conditioning
 - Doors
2. Gymnasium – complete
 3. Turf, lights, goalposts – complete
 - Track asphalt this complete
 - Rubber after football season
 4. Support Building underway
 - Foundation framed
 - Expect to pour slab this week
 5. Fieldhouse and bleachers – TBD
 6. Temporary power and bleachers for 2023 football season
 7. Fieldhouse
 - Dirt work underway
 - Pad finished and corners are set
 - PEMB scheduled to arrive 10/11/2023
 8. Transformer is delayed until April
 9. Baseball and Softball stadiums – TBD
 10. Football season
 - Expect to play 6 home games
 - Field is complete
 - Scoreboard and clocks in work. Ran lights, scoreboard and play clocks on generators.
 - Temporary bleachers have been placed. We had to add bleachers after the first game, due to crowd size. Around 450 paid attendance for homecoming game. (Does not include comp tickets)

c. **Alternative Provider Information:** We are no longer allowed to use NLWS for alternative placement. We are in discussion with LDOE to determine a suitable alternative.

d. **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.

M. Relationships with City of Grambling and Grambling State University –

a. **Instructor loan to GSU:** LPS band director teaching a class at GSU my request from Dr. Roebuck. Class is 1 hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

N. Future Meetings: Next Meeting Date – October 30, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

O. Announcements: Board Member McIntyre announced that the Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce would be held on October 19th at Ruston Civic Center. Wine and Cheese reception starts at 6:00 p.m. Executive Director Ford and Lincoln Prep will be honored this year.

P. Executive Session: none

Q. Adjournment – Mr. Watley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tatum seconded this motion. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.