

Grambling High Foundation
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lincoln Preparatory School Conference Room
December 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. Approval of the General Meeting Agenda:** Mr. Downs 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 November minutes. This was seconded by Attorney Stewart. The November minutes were adopted without opposition from the Board.

- F. Roll Call**
 - a. Present Members**
 - 1. Robert Wiley
 - 2. Barbara McIntyre
 - 3. Hollis Downs
 - 4. Elizabeth Smith
 - 5. Pamela Stewart
 - 6. Don Tatum
 - 7. Ed Watley

 - b. Absent Members**
 - 1. Clara Lewis
 - 2. Eddie Robinson, III

- G. Public Comments** – none.

- H. Report of the Executive Director** –
 - a. Enrollment:** October 1 enrollment 747, with 688 on-campus and 59 at NLWS. Current enrollment is 699, with 0 students at NLWS. 18 students are in alternative placement at home.
 - b. Grade Configuration:**
 - 1. Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten at Grambling Junction.
 - 2. Grades 1-12 at the new main campus.
 - 3. Testing is at main campus.
 - 4. Alternative placement – Students at home. Instruction is primarily online, with in-person meetings after school
 - c. Extracurricular**

1. Football Program – ended year 2-8
2. Starting basketball season
 - Jr High started already
 - Varsity starts Saturday
3. Debate Team went to Lafayette to observe a debate
4. Students of the Week and perfect attendance students attended to Lady Techsters game
5. 5th – 12th grade students attended Grambling Lady Tigers basketball game

d. Miscellaneous Updates

1. PreK-8
 - Reading interventions/bi-weekly tracking
 - Identification of Tier 2 and 3 students
2. High school
 - ACT bootcamps – 3 day workshop with a consultant to boost scores
3. Intercession
 - State initiative to increase the number of learning days in the school year
 - This year . . . 2 four-day sessions between 2nd and 3rd nine weeks and 3rd and 4th nine weeks
 - Opportunity for students to catch up if they are behind on coursework, not making sufficient progress or have absences to make up
 - Mandatory for 4th grade student that are not on reading level optional for other students
 - Allows student to “catch-up” during the year and before testing, as opposed to waiting until summer
 - This year is a test (ESSER funded) and we will determine whether to continue the program using general funds dollars in future years

I. New Business:

- a. **School Performance Score:** We experienced a significant score and letter grade drop this year. Drop was due to a decrease in ACT scores and two data errors. First several errors regarding 12 students that transferred out of state and were counted as dropouts. Secondly, we misinterpreted how the Interests and Opportunities Index rules. Deadline for correction of data had passed before we learned of the erroneous data. State previously recalculated data when data was erroneous, but no longer will recalculate. Board members voiced several concerns and asked questions regarding the score decrease. Dr. Washington and Ms. Moss have worked with LDOE personnel to ensure accuracy of data for future reporting.

LEAP scores were much improved. K8 scores were up 11.4% (state average is 2.9%). High school scores are up 19.0% (state average is 3.2%). K8 progress scores are up 9.6% (state average is 2.0%). High school progress scores are up 5.1% (state average is 2.0%).

b. Annual Audit

1. Unqualified audit
2. 1 finding: Auditor had to make an adjustment to the capital asset value of the new school building that exceeded the threshold for a finding.

- c. Board Internal Communications (Open Meetings Law):** Mr. Wiley reviewed the open meeting requirements and restrictions. Board members cannot communicate in groups that exceed a quorum on emails and texts. This also includes rolling quorums discussing the same issue with multiple members at different times.

J. Reports:

- a. Financial Report presented . . . no questions.**
1. State reimbursements continue to lag
 2. Overall budget is on target

K. Old Business

a. Construction Update –

1. Fieldhouse - est. comp. July 2024
 - Superstructure is complete
2. Track painting and striping is complete
 - GSU track team is now practicing on our track and field
3. Basketball season
 - Had first home game in new gymnasium
 - Picture and story was on front page of the Ruston Leader
4. Support Building – est. comp. Dec '23
5. Bleachers and pressbox – Feb '24
6. Temporary power and bleachers for 2023 football season
7. Transformer is delayed until April
8. Baseball and Softball stadiums – TBD

- b. Employee Complaint to LDOE:** Received Letter of Good Standing from LDOE. Only action required was to stop using NLWS as our alternative placement provider. LDOE has approve LPS to place alternative placement students at home. Currently have 18 students at home in alternative placement.

- c. Charter Board Governance Program:** No additional discussion. Will remain in Old Business in future meetings. LDOE program with LAPCS looking to increase Board capacity.

L. Partner Relationships

- a. City of Grambling**
- b. Grambling State University –** nothing to report
- c. Rhodes Development –** meeting upcoming to finalize property swap and sewer funding

M. Future Meetings: Next Meeting Date – January 29, 2024 at 12:00 noon.

N. Announcements: Reminder that Ethics Training is due by end of the calendar year.

O. Executive Session: Attorney Stewart made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mrs. McIntyre seconded this motion. Board went into Executive Session at 1:17 p.m. No actions or votes were taken during the Executive Session. Executive Session ended at 2:19 p.m.

P. Adjournment – Attorney Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Watley seconded this motion. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.