

Minutes for Board of Directors  
Grambling High Foundation  
Regular Meeting  
August 31, 2017, 6:00 P.M.  
Grambling City Hall

- A. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Dr. Copeland.
- B. Prayer- Dr. Copeland
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Agenda- Motion/Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Wiley/Unanimous
- E. Adoption of Previous Minutes- Motion/Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wiley- with corrections; corrections made accordingly.

Approval of Amended Minutes for July- Motion-Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pruitt/ Unanimous

F. Roll Call and Introduction of Board Members-

A. Members Present

Dr. Birdex Copeland  
Robert Wiley  
Don Tatum- Air Force 28 years served  
Pamela Stewart  
Rhonda Pruitt  
Eddie Robinson, III

B. Members Absent

Katrina Boden  
Rachael Johnson  
Hollis Downs

G. Public Comments-

H. Report of Executive Director- Mr. Gordan Ford gave the report. He spoke on being more formal in presentation at the meetings. Student Enrollment – 394. Students are being accepted from the waiting list. Non-black students will not be capped. Elem. Cooling system - Air conditioning units are being replaced. New cafeteria contractor is working well. Meal counts are exceeding projections. We should see a profit from the cafeteria this year. This money has to be segregated, and may only be used for food service or cafeteria improvements. Cafeteria contractor, SLA Management, has chosen Terrence Giles, Jr as regional manager over 3 locations. We received a School Improvement planning grant which closes out in September. Currently in data verification for accountability. Football season is here, starting off with Jamboree on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Recruiting to meet desegregation goals: spoke with Justice Dept., there have been some recruiting goals set in place. We have also opened our extracurricular activities to children that are home schooled, such as

their joining the band, football team, etc. Dr. Pruitt- Is there a deadline. Mr. Ford- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> for final count. Dir. Stewart ask if the board members could view the campus. Mr. Ford replied, anytime he would give them a walk thru. Dr. Pruitt asked about the air conditioner units donated to the school. Mr. Ford told her they are outside of the gym, and the cost to have them installed is \$24,000. Ms. Colvin added, all the transcripts for seniors have been corrected. Lincoln Prep has 16 students that qualified for 099 math at GSU, and by Spring the class will be Math 131. All other seniors are taking dual enrollment classes at La Tech, Northwestern or Southern University at Shreveport.

I. Legal updates- There were no Legal Updates

J. Committee Reports-

- 1) Education and Personal- No Report
- 2) Financial Report- There was a Conference call with Dir. Wiley. Stated the call was good, and he was very comfortable with the report.
- 3) Facilities and Transportation- No report; however, Dr. Copeland stated, he did speak with someone who has 23 acres of land, and he is checking to see if the family is considering selling. Mr. Ford said when we are released from the lawsuit we can move on further with finding a new location.
- 4) Alumni and Community Relations- No formal meeting. Dir. Dr. Pruitt stated that after making contact with the local chambers of commerce they informed her that they have already printed their materials for the year, but may be able to have Lincoln Prep information appear online.

K. Old Business

- 1) Revision of By-Laws (Grambling High Foundation)- Motion-Wiley/2<sup>nd</sup> Stewart unanimous
- 2) Update on Current Location Improvements- Air Condition Units
- 3) Update on Food Service- Kids love the food. They are running to the cafeteria, the only complaints now are the lines too long.

L. New Business

- 1) Amazon Line of Credit- 4<sup>th</sup> Sector has been able to work with schools giving them a Net 55, approved basic general cards and Fuelman cards, make the purchase online with Amazon
- 2) MOU between Lincoln Prep and Union Parish- Approved the MOU, ask the board to approve. Mr. Ford is to sign a MOU from every Parish that we provide education for students. If changes are to be made to the MOU for a Parish, the Revised MOU should be brought back to the Board for approval. . Approved MOU between Lincoln Prep and any other required Parish.- Motion-Stewart/2<sup>nd</sup>-Wiley
- 3) Recruitment Proposal and Plans- There is a recruitment offer set in place for everyone that recruits students that count towards our desegregation goals.
- 4) Approval of 2017-2018 Lincoln's Prep Budget - Motion- Stewart/2<sup>nd</sup>- Wiley
- 5) Stipend and Equipment for Board Recorder- \$50.00 stipend and a recorder. Motion- Wiley/2<sup>nd</sup> Stewart
- 6) Faculty, Staff, and Board Gathering- Mr. Ford is stated that he is looking toward having a gathering so that faculty, staff, and Board can meet and greet. He stated that he would like to meet on a Staff Development Day. Dr. Pruitt wants to be informed regarding the date of next Staff Development Day

M. Next Board Meeting- September 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm

N. Election of Officers- will move to next agenda

O. Announcements- None- no report

P. Executive Session (Legal Update)- No Executive Session

Q. Adjournment- 8:23P.M. Motion-Dr. Pruitt/2<sup>nd</sup>- Wiley

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President

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Secretary

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