

Grambling High Foundation
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 26, 2019 - 6:30 PM

A. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order 6:35 by Dr. Copeland.

B. Prayer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of the Agenda - A motion was made by Mr. Wiley to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Tatum. The agenda was adopted without opposition.

E. Adoption of Previous Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Tatum and seconded by Mr. Moegle to adopt the previous minutes. The minutes were adopted with no opposition.

F. Roll Call

Present Members

Dr. Birdex Copeland

Don Tatum

Robert Wiley

Eddie Robinson III

Forrest Moegle

Absent Members

Hollis Downs

Rhonda Pruitt

G. Lincoln Prep "Showcase" - Jasmine Turner was announced as Miss Lincoln Prep. She is a member of cheer team, as well as being one of 8 seniors approved to take English 101 and 102 this year. She is enrolled in dual enrollment Math and Chemistry through Southern University. Her mother is Grambling High School graduate. Jasmine maintained 3.0 GPA all year. She is enlisted in Army Reserve and plans to go to college. Tatum suggested that she speak with ROTC at GSU, also.

H. Public Comments – Although the meeting is open to the public, no members of the public were present.

I. Report of the Executive Director -

- Current enrollment is at 484 students. 358 of those are African American, 46 are Caucasian, and 80 are Other/Mixed race. 620 applications were received for this school year and 122 remain on the waiting list.
- High school Open house and initial teacher meetings will be held on September 3. Elementary Open House was last week.
- Homecoming week will be September 30 – October 4. The Homecoming dance and Jasmine Turner's Coronation will be Thursday, October 3rd at the Lincoln Parish Library with the homecoming game on Friday, October 4th. This year's football team is the largest that Lincoln Prep has had. Regular season starts September 6 and the first 2 games are at home.
- There will be a meeting next week for the LHSA executive committee. A complaint was filed by Ruston High School about an assistant coach from Lincoln Prep recruiting an 8th grade student. The coach has been prohibited from coaching for 1 calendar year, although Mr. Ford submitted

a written appeal, stating that "to induce a kid to transfer or remain in an LHSAA school" does not cover the student because he was not enrolled at Ruston High School at the time. The student went on to enroll at Ruston High. It was also discussed that Lincoln Prep had 2 juniors recruited and transferred to play at RHS with no Principal's concurrence completed, although the laws state that it is required. A formal complaint has been filed on this matter, as well. Lincoln Prep, along with Cedar Creek, has forwarded 5 proposals to change the Athletic Association laws. The current rules allow recruitment, as long as it is an academic recruitment and not athletic.

- Many technology upgrades have happened recently, including the addition of the middle school computer lab. 20 computers from the high school lab were refurbished to use for this. Elementary also has mini labs set up with 70 computers, some of which were new and some repurposed. Mr. Tatum inquired about the importance of this new technology and how it will improve the SPS. Mr. Ford stated that it will make the school more efficient. In the past, it would take more than a week to test students and get the data. With computers in the classes, the tests can be conducted in the classrooms. The laptops give the Early College Academy students the availability to complete assignments no matter where they are. It also provides more resources for the teachers and expands the amount of information available to the students. Dr. Copeland asked about security issues and Mr. Ford stated that there have been none thus far and none expected.
- 14 juniors have begun the Early College Academy at Southern University in Shreveport. All of those students have received a laptop and a personalized bag. Dual Enrollment has expanded to over 180 students.

J. Board Membership and Committee Structure – Dr. Copeland stated that when the Board is back to 9 members, committee structure will be discussed. He also ensured that everyone is familiar with term rotations and when their time on the Board expires.

K. New Business -

- **Introduction of 2019-2020 budget -**
 - Megan stated that the biggest goal coming on board was to get Lincoln Prep onto the account coding system used by the State. The current budget is fully in compliance and Lincoln Prep was first in the district to submit Annual Financial Report! Pages 1-5 of the report are the budget message, which describes what is going on at the school. This is required by the Local Government Budget Act. It requires the school to show the budget by source by revenues and by function for expenses. Level 1 is the budget total, which is the general fund and special revenue. Level 2 includes Title 1 funds, food service, etc. Level 3 shows every expense line by line. An ad has to be published 10 days before adoption of the budget and the budget must be available to the public 15 days before adoption. A full quorum is necessary on September 9th to adopt the budget. Megan discussed healthcare for employees and when asked, informed Mr. Wiley that Lincoln Prep covers 75% for medical insurance and employees are required to pay 25%. Mr. Ford discussed moving to a high deductible plan with HSA for open enrollment. Megan offered rate sheet to anyone interested. Megan briefly discussed 13 of the budget, which is the Budget Summary by Function and breaks down how much was spent in which function (Regular Programs, Special

Education, Etc.) She also discussed the Local and State revenue descriptions, which show things such as Medicaid Reimbursement and MFP Pay Raise. The Budget report includes the School Administration Expenditure Description, which shows the amount spent on each position within the school. The Budget Summary by Object was discussed, which shows the overall Salaries, Employee Benefits, etc. The General Fund Personnel Roster was discussed and Mr. Ford stated that a variation is noticeable between 2017/2018 year and 2018/2019 year because some staff members were re-categorized during that time. A motion was made by Mr. Wiley to introduce the provided 2019-2020 Budget. This was seconded by Mr. Tatum and approved by the Board without opposition. It will be posted on the school's website and a public hearing will be held on 9/9/19 at 6:00 PM. The Board Meeting will immediately follow at 6:30 pm.

- Information on Suggested Board Members - Clara Lewis was suggested and we are awaiting receipt of her resume. Barbara McEntire, Chamber of Commerce member and retired realtor, was also recommended. Mr. Tatum stated that he sent a few names to Dr. Copeland, who stated that he needed their resumes, as well.

L. Reports -

- **Financial** – The Financial report was presented earlier in the meeting. The audit starts at end of September.
- **Alumni and Community Relations** – No Report.
- **Transportation** – No Report.
- **Education** – No Report.

M. Old Business -

- **MOU between Grambling High Foundation and Grambling State University** – No Report.

N. Next Meeting Date - The next meeting date is September 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM with committees meeting at 6:00 PM, if necessary.

O. Announcements – No further announcements.

P. Executive Session – A motion was made by Mr. Wiley and seconded by Mr. Moegle to move into an executive session. Once the Executive Session was completed, Mr. Wiley moved to return to a regular session. This was seconded by Mr. Moegle.

Q. Adjournment – With nothing further to discuss, Mr. Tatum moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Wiley and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.