

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**August 30, 2021 – 6:30 PM**  
**Annual Budget Hearing – 6:00 PM**  
**Via Teleconference**

- A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Clara Lewis
- B. Prayer**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Public Budget Hearing**
  - a) Motion to approve the Opening of a Public Hearing for anyone that wishes to offer comments** – Don Tatum moved to open the Public Hearing for anyone wishing to offer comments. This was seconded by Barbara McIntyre.
  - b) Public Comments** – No members of the public were present to comment.
  - c) Motion to approve the closing of the Public Hearing** – A motion was made by Don Tatum and seconded by Barbara McIntyre to close the public hearing.
- E. Approval of the General Meeting Agenda** – A motion was made by Barbara McIntyre and seconded by Pamela Stewart to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved without opposition from the Board.
- F. Adoption of Previous Minutes** – The minutes from the previous meeting were adopted without opposition from the Board.
- G. Roll Call**
  - a) Present Members**
    - i. Barbara McIntyre
    - ii. Pamela Stewart
    - iii. Ed Watley
    - iv. Clara Lewis
    - v. Elizabeth Smith
    - vi. Don Tatum
    - vii. Hollis Downs
  - b) Absent Members**
    - i. Robert Wiley
    - ii. Eddie Robinson III
- H. Lincoln Prep “Showcase”** – No showcase
- I. Public Comments** – Although the meeting was open to the public, no members of the public were present to comment.
- J. Report of the Executive Director** –
  - a)** 704 applications have been accepted, which is in an increase from the count in July. The number of regular students has decreased some while the number of students in alternative placement has increased. There are currently 51 seats remaining with 20 on the waiting list for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are currently at the New Living Word campus. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades are renting a space at Celebrity Theatre for testing and orientation. The theatre is closed to the public until noon. After opening at noon, a

GSU officer is present for security. Students and staff exit through the back of the theatre, so they are separated from the public while at the facility. 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades are at the main campus in Grambling. Meals are being cooked at GSU and delivered to all 3 locations.

- b) Budget Highlights: The 2020-21 budget projected a \$312k ending balance initially but is now projecting around \$601k. The 2021-22 budget is projecting an ending balance of \$714k due to additional funding from Title I, IDEA, and ESSER.
- c) The final contract for the permanent location has been signed and land clearing should begin this week. The date for the formal groundbreaking will be determined soon. Board Members will be given notice a few weeks in advance so that they can attend. Several other people are wanting to attend including the Speaker of the House for Louisiana, State Representative Patrick Jefferson, and State Representative Chris Turner. Mr. Ford is hoping to have all living previous principals of Grambling schools in attendance, as well. If the Board Members wish to invite anyone, they should send the names to Mr. Ford.
- d) At the temporary location, electrical is ready for final connection and plumbing is waiting for a part that is on backorder.
- e) Lincoln Prep participated in a Jamboree against Cedar Creek last week and lost in the last 3 minutes of the game. The Coach says that the team needs some conditioning work, but he is looking forward to a competitive season.

#### K. New Business

- a) **Approval of Budget Resolution and Annual Operating Budget for FY 2021-22**
  - i. The budget was discussed in thoroughly at the last meeting and no Board members presented questions at this time. A motion to approve the Budget Resolution and Annual Operating Budget was made by Elizabeth Smith and seconded by Ed Watley. The votes made by Board members to approve the budget are as follows:
    - Yes – Elizabeth Smith, Ed Watley, Don Tatum, Clara Lewis, Barbara McIntyre, Pamela Stewart, Hollis Downs
    - No - None

#### L. Reports

- a) **Financial** – Some teacher's salaries will not be reflected in the budget until next month, as the budget only reports 1 month into the fiscal year. About 7% of the expected 8.3% of the MFP has been received. The increased enrollment numbers will be submitted soon so that additional funding will be received. It will be more in line with the budget starting in September. The food service is doing well and currently has a net income of about \$20k. All State budget reports were submitted by the deadline today. The Auditor has contacted Lincoln Prep and is ready to begin the review. Mr. Ford added that the State just released ESSER funds and the remaining Covid funds, which total about \$2 million. Mr. Ford stated that Lincoln Prep's funding lags by 1 year compared to the Lincoln Parish School Board. Funding for this year is based on last year's numbers. He hopes to be able to give bonuses by the end of next year that are comparable to the bonuses given by LPSB. Lincoln Prep teachers did receive the increase authorized by the state, which was \$800 for teachers and \$400 for support staff.

- b) **Alumni and Community Relations** –
- c) **Transportation and Facilities Update** – Additional buses have been added and are running 8 routes daily. 1 additional bus is added in the spring because sporting events sometimes require staff to leave early. The long-term plan is to have 10 buses, which is included in the budget.
- d) **Education** – Clara Lewis stated that the Executive Director’s evaluation is still awaiting approval. Mr. Ford stated that he will review it and send to the Board for completion as soon as possible. Mr. Ford added that Lincoln Prep staff evaluations were completed last week.
  - i. **Early College Program** – Students have had difficulty with Math and Science online. A GSU professor has been hired to teach Math part time. A Louisiana Tech professor has been hired to teach Biology 2.
  - ii. **New Elective Classes** – Sign Language and Tae Kwon Do have been added as elective classes.

**M. Old Business**

- a) **Construction Update** – See the Report of the Executive Director.
  - b) **Relationship between Grambling High Foundation and Grambling State University** –
    - i. The court order allows Lincoln Prep to use the GSU football field as GSU allows other school to use it. Ruston High School played there last year, so a letter was submitted to the court requesting approval for Lincoln Prep to use it. The court has not objected, so Lincoln Prep plans to play home football games there this year.
    - ii. Teacher interns have been added for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. One of the interns does not have transportation other than bicycle, so the agreement has been made to allow her to ride the Lincoln Prep bus. She will serve as a bus aide for that route. She will help supervise the students so that the driver will not be distracted.
- N. Next meeting** – The next meeting will be September 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM with committees meeting at 6:00 PM, if needed.
- O. Announcement** – Lincoln Prep will play Beekman Charter this Friday at 7:00 PM.
- P. Executive Session** – No session.
- Q. Adjournment** – Elizabeth Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Ed Watley. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.