

**The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, August 20, 2019
5:00 p.m.**

Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Eddie Madden, Chair; Lisa DeVane, Vice Chair; Phil Byrd, Treasurer, Dean Hilton and Ashley Dowless

Board Members Absent: Maurice Williams, Secretary; Sandra Lewis

Administrative Staff Present: Elizabeth Cole, Executive Director; David Wall, Board Attorney, Wanda Everette. Administrative Associate; Amanda Garner, 2nd grade; Brittany Dockery, MakerSpace; Julie Sasser, 2nd grade; Olivia Herring, 1st grade.

Call to Order and Welcome: Mr. Madden called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Mission Statement: Mrs. Dowless read the Mission Statement.

Conflict of Interest Statement: Mr. Madden read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There were no Conflicts of Interest noted.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Madden presented the minutes from the July 16, 2019 meeting. Mrs. DeVane motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Mr. Joseph Dockery addressed the Board regarding the discipline policy. Mr. Dockery asked the Board to revisit the suspension policy and thanked them for all they do for Emereau.

Budget Report: Mr. Byrd presented the budget report for July. Mr. Hilton motioned to approve the budget report. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Closed Session: A motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Hilton at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Byrd seconded and the Board unanimously voted to go into closed session per NC General Statute 143.318.11(a) for the purpose of discussing a potential personnel contracts: A public body may close a session for the following purpose: to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or a proposed contract

for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other materials terms or an employment contract or a proposed employment contract.

Motion to Return to Open Session:

Mrs. DeVane made a motion to return to open session at 6:25 p.m. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Financial Term Sheet:

Mr. Wall shared a land purchase agreement. After discussion of the proposals presented, Mr. Byrd made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to accept Legacy Funding Proposal Option I for the purchase of financing and new construction. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Purchase Agreement with Bladen Community Services:

Mrs. Dowless made a motion to table the Purchase Agreement with Bladen Community Services to the next meeting. Mrs. DeVane seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel Recommendations:

Mr. Madden presented the following personnel recommendations: Cole Long, Middle School Social Studies teacher; Jonathan Ransom, Middle School Math teacher, and Pia Jessup, 6th grade teacher. Upon a motion by Mrs. Dowless, seconded by Mr. Byrd, the personnel recommendations were unanimously approved.

Executive Directors Report:

Mrs. Cole informed the Board of the following: School enrollment is 548, the School Improvement Team (SIT) for the 2019-2020 school year was voted on due to staff turnover. Members are Amanda Garner, Polly Hancock, Patti Allen, Lauren Campbell, Sandra Hester-West, Pam Taylor, Carey Patrick, Brittany Dockery and Elizabeth Cole. Chosen by her peers, Mrs. Julie Sasser was voted Emereau Bladen's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Cole shared updates on athletics and the exceptional children's program.

September Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

Mrs. DeVane motioned to adjourn. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate