

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

- Board Members Present: Eddie Madden, Chair; Maurice Williams, Secretary; Ashley Dowless and Board Attorney, David Wall. Phil Byrd attended virtual.
- Board Member Absent: Lisa DeVane, Sandra Lewis, and Dean Hilton
- Administrative Staff Present: Elizabeth Cole, Executive Director; Polly Hancock, Dean of Academic Initiatives; and Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate
- Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Maurice Williams led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mission Statement: Mrs. Ashley 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 September 15 and September 23, 2020 meeting. Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Public Comment: The floor was opened for public comments. No comments were made.
- 2020 Audit Report: Mr. Michael Allen, CPA with Pettway Mills and Pearson presented the 2020 Audit Report with the Board. Mr. Allen explained in detail the financials of Emereau Bladen. Mrs. Dowless motioned to approve the audit report presented. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Financial Report: Christy Nicholauson with Prestige Financials presented the financial report for September. Mrs. Dowless motioned to approve the Financial Report presented. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- USDA Financing Update: Mr. Madden updated the Board on the USDA Application. Mr. Madden shared that the Feasibility Study has been submitted. The

appraisal and attorney certification forms are in progress with the goals of closing by the end of the year.

Update on Corporate
Makeup of Emereau Bladen:

Attorney David Wall updated the board on the process of changing the corporate name from The Emereau Foundation to Emereau Bladen. Mr. Byrd shared that DPI has no problem with keeping the Charter in place with the Secretary of State. Mr. Madden stated that when the school was opened it was opened under The Emereau Foundation. The name change going forward will be under Emereau Bladen.

Executive Directors Report:

Under Executive Directors report, Mrs. Cole gave an enrollment update. First and Fifth grade continue to be quarantined. Plan A: Face-to-Face enrollment on Monday and Tuesday is 386; Thursday and Friday is 353 and Plan C Remote enrollment is 178. Athletic Director, Julie Sasser met with Mrs. Cole and a group of parents with interest in Soccer, Softball and Baseball. Parent meeting were Kyle Bostic, Tony Autry, David Allen and Janie Allen. Mrs. Sasser presented financial needs for both fields. Intramural Girls Volleyball is running through the Recreation Department with 33 girls interested. The Bladen County Recreation Department will be used. Mrs. Sasser has opened an apparel store for purchase of polo shirts by the team to support athletics. Chair Madden asked the committee to build a more specific budget and present at the next meeting for Soccer, Baseball and Softball. Teacher observations are being conducted. The Emereau Charter ends June 2022 and letters have been sent to renew the Charter.

Closed Session:

Mrs. Dowless motioned to go into closed session at 5:50 p.m. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to Return to Open
Session:

Mrs. Dowless motioned to come out of closed session at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel
Recommendations:

The Board made no action in closed session; however, Mrs. Dowless motioned to allow Mrs. Cole to establish a policy related to COVID quarantine procedures to distribute to the staff. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Chair Madden informed the Board that Sandra Lewis would remain on the Board. Lisa DeVane has asked to step down from the Emereau Board due to other commitments. Mrs. Dowless motioned to accept Mrs. DeVane's resignation. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

November Meeting:

The November meeting will be held November 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

Mr. Williams motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

