

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, July 16, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

- Board Members Present: Eddie Madden, Chair; Phil Byrd, Treasurer; Mr. Maurice Williams, Secretary; Sandra Lewis, Dean Hilton and Ashley Dowless
- Board Members Absent: Lisa DeVane, Vice Chair
- 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.
- Call to Order and Welcome: Mr. Madden called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.
- Mission Statement: Mr. Hilton 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 9, 2019 meeting. Mrs. Dowless motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Public Comment: No public comments were made.
- Finance Proposal: Mr. Ben Kaufman with Hamlin Capital Management and Mr. Matthew Deangelis with D. A. Davidson Companies presented a finance proposal.
- Budget Report: Mr. Byrd presented the budget report for June. Mr. Hilton motioned to approve the budget report. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Alpa Best After School Program: Mrs. Cole gave an update on the Alpha Best After School Program. Alpha Best will provide childcare during the Fall and Winter Breaks. More information to come.

- RevTrak Online Store: Mrs. Cole introduced RevTrak Online Store and presented an agreement for approval. RevTrak is an online payment system that allows parent to pay online with check, debit, or credit card for school fees, such as lunch and field trips. RevTrak will also allow parents to pay online for purchases from the school store. Mr. Byrd motioned to approve Revtrak. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motioned was unanimously approved.
- Closed Session: A motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Hilton. Mr. Williams 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: Mr. Hilton made a motioned to return to open session. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Personnel Recommendations: Mr. Madden presented personnel recommendations. Upon a motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Dowless, the personnel recommendations were unanimously approved.
- Executive Directors Report: Mrs. Cole gave an update on Lotterease stating the administration could not manipulate the students on the waitlist. Mrs. Cole informed the Board that the Here Comes the Bus Program is very expensive and recommended better communication with parents in the event of a bus problem. Mrs. Cole gave the Board an update on the Core Knowledge Curriculum. Ms. Sasser and Mrs. Garner attended the Core Knowledge Conference and shared more materials are needed for K-5. Mrs. Cole ask the Board to approve the purchase of Curriculum materials. Mrs. Dowless motioned to authorize the administration to approve Core Knowledge materials up to \$7,500.00. Mr. Hilton seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mrs. Cole informed the Board that furniture is needed for middle school. Mr. Hilton motioned to purchase furniture needed for middle school. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was approved.
- August Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Hilton motioned to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

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Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate