

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

- Board Members Present: Eddie Madden, Chair; Lisa DeVane, Vice Chair; Phil Byrd, Treasurer; Maurice Williams, Secretary; Ashley Dowless, Sandra Lewis and Board Attorney, David Wall.
- Board Member Absent: Dean Hilton
- Administrative Staff Present: Elizabeth Cole, Executive Director; Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate; Amanda Garner, 2nd grade and Polly Hancock, 5th grade.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Madden lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mission Statement: Mrs. Lisa DeVane 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 January 21, 2020 meeting and the minutes from the public hearing held on January 16, 2020. Mrs. DeVane motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Public Comment: The floor was opened for public comments. No comments were made.
- Budget Report: Mr. Byrd presented the budget report for January and recommended the budget not be approved. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Chair Madden asked Mrs. Cole to notify Kathy Davies with Acadia NorthStar that the budget was not approved, and; to expect a certified letter that the contract with Acadia NorthStar for financial services will end on June 30, 2020. A Budget Retreat will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

- Executive Directors Report: Mrs. Cole gave an update on the following:
- Discipline – one out of school suspension since last meeting.
 - Polly Hancock, Dean of Academics working on student assistance team referrals, licensure, beginning teacher program, and mini-retreats. Mini-retreats are data meetings to dissect data and make informed decisions about finishing the year and providing interventions for struggling students.
 - School Improvement Team has been soliciting input from teachers regarding the 2020-2021 calendar.
 - Athletics – Shared softball schedule
 - School Nurse, Ashley Bryant is updating policies and working on an Active Shooter Plan in conjunction with the Bladen County Sheriff's office.
 - Met with Bladen County Schools on a RFP (Request for Proposal) for safety initiatives.
 - Mrs. Cole shared she had reached out to Greg Martin for the use of the King Street Gym for Basketball and Volleyball for next school year and the Foundation Church for the Spring events.
 - Mrs. Cole share high school requirements and the staff that would be needed for next school year if ninth grade were added.
 - Gave an update on the enrollment and shared that Lotterease will close on February 28th.
 - Mrs. Cole stated she would like to adopt an Attendance/Tardy Policy and information will be presented at a later meeting.
 - Share the following field trips: Marbles Museum – 1st grade, Wonderworks – 7th grade, Ripley's Aquarium – 2nd grade, Alligator Adventure – 2nd grade, 8th graders will be at Bladen Community College March 6th for Math and Science Day.
- Mr. Madden asked for a motion to suspend the rules and add Field Trips to the agenda. Mrs. Dowless motioned to suspend the rules and add Field Trips to the agenda. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Mrs. Dowless motioned to approve the field trips presented. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Building Facility for Events: Discussion was held on what facilities should be used for Emereau sports and events. Mrs. Dowless motioned for Mrs. Cole, on behalf of the board, to send a letter of appreciation to the Elizabethtown Christian Academy thanking them for allowing Emereau to use their facilities in the past and that we will be moving forward with the County of Bladen facilities and Bladen Community College. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

March Meeting Date: The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Byrd motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate