

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

- Board Members Present: Eddie Madden, Chair; Lisa DeVane, Vice Chair; Phil Byrd, Treasurer; Maurice Williams, Secretary; Sandra Lewis, Ashley Dowless and Dean Hilton
- Administrative Staff Present: Carla Fisher, Executive Director; Kayla Gooden, Assistant Director; William Findt, Advisor; Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate.; Polly Hancock, 5th grade; Alley Rich, PE; Peyton Schultz, 1st grade; Amanda Garner, 2nd grade; Brittany Dockery, 3rd grade; Ashley Davis, 3rd grade; Richard Bouldin, MakerSpace; Joann Melvin, Kindergarten; and Carey Patrick, Associate Teacher
- Call to Order and Welcome: Mr. Madden called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.
- Mission Statement: Ms. Lewis read the Mission Statement.
- Conflict of Interest Statement: Mr. Madden read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There were no Conflicts of Interest noted.
- Student Presentations: Presentations were given by 7th grade students, Bridgett Taylor and Steven Batton regarding why they chose to attend Emereau Bladen and their plans for the future.
- Approval of Minutes: Mr. Madden presented the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting. Ms. DeVane motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Budget Report: Mr. Byrd presented the budget report. Ms. DeVane motioned to approve the budget report. Ms. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Proposed School Calendar (2019-2020): Ms. Fisher presented two draft calendars for the 2019-2020 school year. After a brief discussion, Ms. Dowless motioned to table the draft calendars and asked that the school calendars be reviewed for

input by members of the faculty. Ms. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Uniform Policy:

Ms. Fisher presented the following Uniform Policy: Pants, Skirts, and Shorts must be black or gray. Polo shirts must be green, black or white and must be purchased at Leinwands. Emereau hoodies and t-shirts are to be worn on PE days only. Black belt, shoes in black, white or gray. Coats worn in the classroom must be black, gray or white. Girls may wear solid gray, solid white, or solid black tights or full-length leggings underneath skirts, skorts, and shorts.

Ms. Dowless motioned to approve the Uniform Policy as presented.

Mr. Williams seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment:

No comments were made from the public. Ms. Rich, PE Teacher, shared coaches contacts with the board. Ms. Rich shared that Lauren Campbell has reached out offering to coach a competitive cheerleading team for girls in grades 5-7. Ms. Rich asked for approval to have a girls volleyball team if a facility could be found. Mr. Madden suggested more information be presented at the next board meeting. Ms. Rich asked to order soccer uniforms for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Madden suggested reaching out to the administration.

Benchmark Scores:

Ms. Gooden gave the board an update on Benchmark testing. Released EOG tests were used and percentages of each grade level scoring three or better was given. Discussion centered on how scores were being shared with teachers and parents and on areas where progress is needed.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Fisher gave an update on fundraisers and MakerSpace, and informed the board that a donation is being made by Cape Fear Valley Healthcare to pay for soccer uniforms. Ms. Fisher then gave an update on transportation. Bladen County Schools has 14 buses rotating out that can be purchased at approximately \$3500 each and this would be a savings compared to purchasing a new bus. It was a consensus of the board for Ms. Fisher to contact the transportation director with Bladen County Schools for more details and to let Thomas Bus Company know we were not going to pursue a new bus. Ms. Fisher then gave an update on events coming up and shared information about a Before and After School Program, Alpha Best. It was a consensus of the board for Ms. Fisher to get more details concerning insurance coverage and how many students are required for the program.

Assistant Director's Report:

Ms. Gooden reported that Lotterease has 181 slots open and that 112 have been confirmed.

- Closed Session: A motion to go into closed session was made at 6:33 p.m. by Ms. Dowless. Mr. Hilton 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: At 7:58 p.m. Ms. Lewis motioned to return to open session. Mr. Hilton seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Personnel Recommendations: Mr. Hilton motioned to approve the personnel recommendations presented for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Lewis motioned to authorize Dr. Findt to advertise for the positions of Executive Director and Counselor. Mr. Hilton seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- April Meeting: The April meeting will be held Tuesday, April 23 2019, at 5:00 p.m.
- Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Lewis motioned to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate