

The Emereau Foundation  
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen  
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
6:30 P. M.

Minutes

The Emereau Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Members present: Mr. Eddie Madden, Chairman; Mrs. Lisa DeVane, Vice Chair; Mr. Maurice Williams, Secretary; Mrs. Carla Jacobs, Treasurer; Mrs. Sandra Lewis and Mrs. Ashley Dowless.

Board Member absent was Mr. Dean Hilton.

Administrative staff present: Mrs. Kate Alice Dunaway, Executive Director, Mrs. Lillian Bryant, Dean of Operations; Mrs. Polly Hancock, Dean of Academic Initiatives and Mrs. Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate.

Board Chair Eddie Madden welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Maurice Williams read the Mission Statement and Chair Eddie Madden read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There were no conflicts of interest noted.

Mr. Maurice Williams presented the Minutes from the February 22, 2018 meeting for approval.

Mrs. Ashley Dowless motioned to approve the Minutes. Mrs. Sandra Lewis seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Board Chair Eddie Madden opened the floor for public comment. No one in attendance offered any comments.

Under Executive Director's Report Mrs. Kate Alice Dunaway updated the Board on the following:

- Mrs. Dunaway shared information received from the North Carolina Department of Treasurer requesting contact information for the Board of Directors since Emereau: Bladen is a new Charter School.
- Mrs. Dunaway updated the Board on the enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. The Lotterease program has the enrollment by grade level. At the present time, all students in grades Kindergarten through five will be accepted. Lottery will be done for students in grades six and seven. Mrs. Dunaway reminded the Board that families can continue to enroll students and their names would be placed on a wait list. To keep class size consistent, if grade levels are full, siblings will be placed on a wait list. Projected enrollment is 475.
- No information has been received on the Transportation Grant.

- Mrs. Dunaway shared in preparing for the EOG tests teachers will be using Coach Ready books beginning in grades three thru six. Mrs. Hancock stated that she was meeting with teachers and they are assessing students individually and providing reinforcement. Mrs. Lewis asked for a report on students' progress. Mrs. Kate Alice Dunaway responded a report would be presented at the April Board Meeting; however, more information that is accurate will come next year after students have attended a full year. Mrs. Lewis stressed it was important for the Board to know how much growth has been made and what grade the school would receive. Mrs. Lillian Bryant informed the Board that the Reading Inventory Program has a component where students were pre-tested that would give this information.

Mrs. Carla Jacobs presented the February 22, 2018 Budget Report. Vice Chair Lisa DeVane made a motion to accept the budget presented. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Carla Jacobs updated the Board on the Bladen Community Loan Commitment. Mrs. Jacobs informed the Board that Emereau did not have funding at the beginning of the year and that Advantaged Capital for Education provided a loan for start-up cost. Mrs. Jacobs stated that Advantaged Capital has offered to consolidate the three loans that were acquired into one. Discussion centered on getting a quote from Carolina Thomas Bus and reaching out to Advantaged Capital for Education to acquire more buses.

Mrs. Lisa DeVane motioned that the Board authorize Mrs. Jacobs to negotiate with Advantaged Capital and Bladen Community Services to consolidate the three loans and purchase new buses; and to present the finance reports on the loan to the Board at the April Meeting. Mr. Maurice Williams seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Madden gave the Board a Facility update stating that construction was underway and that the HVAC units were being relocated.

Under Emereau School Uniform, Mrs. Dunaway updated the Board on school uniforms stating she had met with Leinwand's and discussed adding different fabrics and a PE Uniform. It was a consensus of the Board to continue with 2017-2018 uniforms, Gray, White and Kiwi Green; and to add black softer pants with a black vest and 2 jackets as an option; and consider additional options for PE Uniforms.

Chair Madden then presented Summer Reading Program for discussion for the 2018 Summer Program. The board discussed Summer School as an option and the Read to Achieve Program. Mrs. Lillian Bryant informed the Board that the Read to Achieve Program would be funded by the State, whereas the Summer School Program would not.

Mrs. Dowless motioned to provide Read to Achieve and Summer School, if funds could be secured. Mrs. Jacobs seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Chair Madden and Mrs. Lisa DeVane then gave the Board an update on the Executive Director position stating that several applications had been received.

Mrs. Lillian Bryant addressed the Board thanking everyone for their support over the year and wished Emereau: Bladen continued growth and support.

Upon a motion by Mrs. DeVane, seconded by Mrs. Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session as per NC General Statute 143.318.11(a) for the purpose of discussing a potential personnel contract: 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.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Dowless the Board voted unanimously to come out of closed session.

Chair Madden informed everyone the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Jacobs, seconded by Mrs. DeVane, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maurice Williams  
Secretary

Wanda Everette  
Administrative Associate