

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors conducted a virtual meeting due to COVID 19 on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

- Board Members Participating: Eddie Madden, Chair; Lisa DeVane, Vice Chair; Phil Byrd, Treasurer; Maurice Williams, Secretary; Dean Hilton, Sandra Lewis and Board Attorney, David Wall.
- Board Member not Participating: Ashley Dowless
- Administrative Staff Present: Elizabeth Cole, Executive Director; Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate and Polly Hancock, Dean of Academic Initiatives.
- 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 Board Retreat held on March 8, 2020 and the March 17, 2020 meeting. After clarifying the pay increase for the 2020-2021 school year, Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. DeVane seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Public Comment: The floor was opened for public comments. There were no public comments.
- Budget Report: Mr. Byrd presented the budget report for March. Mrs. Cole asked to use budgeted non-capital equipment funds and instructional equipment funds to replace teacher laptops/computers. Mr. Byrd recommended replacing the batteries in the older laptops and using them as backups. Mr. Madden suggested having Dave Faunce look at the budget and determine if it is possible to spend down the short-term debt and increase the fund balance by June 30, 2020. Mr. Byrd recommended approving the budget. Mr. Hilton seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Audit Contract 2020: Mr. Madden presented Audit Contract bids for the 2020 school year. Petway Mills & Pearson; Thompson, Price, Scott & Adams; and Rebekah Barr, CPA submitted bids. Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the

contract bid from Petway Mills & Pearson. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Acadia NorthStar
Contract/PowerSchool:

Mr. Madden presented the Acadia NorthStar Contract for PowerSchool for approval. Mrs. Lewis motioned to approve the PowerSchool contract from Acadia NorthStar. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Directors Report:

Mrs. Cole gave an enrollment update stating 538 students are enrolled and then gave an update on Lotterease. Mrs. Cole informed the board that she had been working with Christy with Prestige Financial on next year's budget. Mrs. Cole expressed how hard the teachers were working remotely with their students. Bus Drivers are continuing to deliver meals daily. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8, 2020.

Closed Session:

No closed session was held.

May Meeting Date:

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate