

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

Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

- Board Members Present: Eddie Madden, Chair; Lisa DeVane, Vice Chair; Phil Byrd, Treasurer; Ashley Dowless, Maurice Williams, Dean Hilton and Board Attorney, David Wall.
- Board Members Absent: Sandra Lewis
- Administrative Staff Present: Elizabeth Cole, Executive Director; Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate; Alley Rich, PE Teacher/Athletic Director, Amanda Garner, 2nd grade, 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 December 17, 2019 meeting. Mrs. DeVane motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Hilton seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Public Comment: The floor was opened for public comments. No comments were made.
- 2019 Year End Audit Report: Ms. Phyllis Pearson with Petway Mills & Pearson accounting firm presented the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the financial statement presented. Mr. Hilton seconded and motion was unanimously approved.
- Budget Report: Mr. Byrd presented the budget report for December. Chair Madden informed the Board that the amendments to the charter application had been approved. After much discussion, Mrs. Dowless motioned not to approve the budget report until further request for clarification can be received, to include any projected receivables for the month of December. Mr. Hilton seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Directors Report: Mrs. Cole informed everyone that January is School Board Appreciation Month and thanked the Board for all they do. Teachers Lauren Rutland and Polly Hancock were congratulated for receiving the state initiated Bonus Pay for their Reading Test scores. They each will receive \$2000 bonus pay. Mrs. Cole shared the approval letter for the amendment of the Charter Application. Discussion centered on a timeframe to end the financial services with Acadia NorthStar. Mrs. Cole expressed the importance of keeping PowerSchool with Acadia NorthStar. Mr. Williams motioned to suspend the rules and add to the agenda Financial Services with Acadia NorthStar. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Byrd made a motion to approve sending a letter to Acadia NorthStar to terminate their financial services effective June 30, 2020. Mr. Hilton seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mrs. Cole shared a draft report of the 2019 Charter School Performance Framework. Mrs. Cole also shared the Federal Program Monitoring report and the recommendations. On February 11, 2020, a School-wide Open House will be held from 5:00- 7:00 pm. Lottery closes February 28, 2020 and an enrollment update was given.

Closed Session: Mr. Hilton motioned to go into closed session. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to return to Open Session: Mr. Williams motioned to return to open session. Mr. Hilton seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel Recommendation: Mr. Hilton motioned to approve the following personnel recommendations: Julie Sasser as Softball Coach and Stanley Sasser as Baseball Coach. Each coach will receive a stipend at the end of the season. Reinstate Polly Hancock as Dean of Academics Initiatives for the remainder of the school year and Greg High as a substitute bus driver. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

February Meeting Date: The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate