

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, January 31, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

- Board Members Present: Mr. Eddie Madden, Chair; Mrs. Lisa DeVane, Vice Chair; Mr. Maurice Williams, Secretary; Mr. Dean Hilton, Mrs. Sandra Lewis and Mrs. Ashley Dowless
- Board Member Absent: Mr. Phil Byrd, Treasurer
- Administrative Staff Present: Mrs. Carla Fisher, Mrs. Kayla Gooden, Mr. Smiley Butler, Mrs. Amanda Garner, Ms. Brittany Dockery, Mrs. Julie Sasser, Mrs. Alley Rich, Ms. Peyton Schultz, Mrs. Polly Hancock, and Mrs. Wanda Everette
- Call to Order and Welcome: Chair Madden called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- The Mission Statement: Mr. Maurice Williams read the Mission Statement.
- Reading of Conflict of Interest Statement: Chair Madden read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There were no Conflicts of Interest noted.
- Minutes: Mrs. Lisa DeVane motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. Sandra Lewis seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- Budget Report: Chair Madden presented the Budget Report. Mr. Maurice Williams motioned to approve the Budget Report presented. Mrs. Ashley Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Reports: *Executive Directors Report:* Mrs. Fisher gave an update on the following: Enrollment is at 449; 132 applicants are in Lotterease for the 2018-2019 school year; Release Time will begin every third Tuesday; shared data and grade level percentiles from benchmark testing, End of Grade tests will be given May 29-31, 2019; update on Professional Development. Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Sasser is registered to attend the Core Knowledge Workshop June 27-28, 2019; Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. White, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Katie Thompson will be attending the DailyCafe Workshop February 25, 2019 in Charleston, SC.; Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Gooden attended a Grant Writing Workshop; Mrs.

Kayla Gooden reported that the school fundraiser was going well and had reached halfway our goal.

Exceptional Children's Update: Mrs. Pam Taylor reported there are 57 students currently being served in the EC Department. Seven new students have been added since November and twelve referrals since Christmas. Mrs. Taylor share EC student test data by teacher.

Transportation Update: Mr. Butler updated the Board on repairs and stated that a couple of buses was at capacity and more buses were needed, along with an activity bus. This will be discussed at the Budget Retreat.

Athletic Report: Mrs. Alley Rich stated that four softball games are scheduled with hopes more will be added. A contract has been signed with Adidas for all Athletic equipment. Adidas will give Emereau 10% of purchases made to go toward materials and uniforms for the athletic teams.

MakerSpace Update: MakerSpace grant has been submitted. Students in K-2 is working on Project STEM and 3D technology. Grades 3-4 are working on Greener and Cleaner, learning about recycling greenhouse gasses and grades 5- 7 are working on Everify to complete the Stem Career.

Marketing/Field Trips: Open enrollment signs have been distributed in the community.

Public Comment:

William and Jantzen Yandle spoke in support and appreciation of Emereau.

Closed Session:

Motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Hilton. Mrs. Lewis 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:

Mr. Hilton motioned to return to open session. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel Recommendations:

No action taken

February Meeting:

The February Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 19, at 5:00 p.m. The Board will hold a Retreat on Sunday, March 10th, 12:30-5:00 p.m.

Discussing in detail the budget, personnel recommendations, and who will be the vendor for financial accounting next school year.

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

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate