

# The Emereau Foundation

Emereau: Bladen

## Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors

Saturday, August 27, 2016

The Emereau Foundation, Inc.

Bladen County Public Library; 111 N. Cypress St. Elizabethtown, North Carolina

**Present:** Robert Bleecker, Rhonda Coyne, Carla Jacobs, Calvin Stevens, Eddie Madden

**Also in Attendance:** Kate Alice Dunaway, Gardner Altman, Jr.; Howard Sowell

- Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. – Eddie Madden
- Welcome and introduction of board members – Eddie Madden
  - Each board member stated their name and announced their position on the board.
- Presentation of the Mission Statement- Rhonda Coyne
- Reading of Conflict of Interest Statement – Eddie Madden
  - All board members confirmed they knew of no conflict of interest or appearances of conflict related to their participation on the board or in the day's meeting.
- Floor opened for public comment- Eddie Madden
  - No questions, concerns, or comments were voiced by the attending public.

### New Business

- Reading of the NC State Board of Education Ready to Open Letter- Eddie Madden
  - The motion to approve the Ready to Open Letter was made by Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
- NC Open Meetings Law Policy- Eddie Madden
  - The motion to acknowledge the NC Open Meetings Law Policy was made by Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
- The Emereau Foundation, Inc. Conflict of Interest Policy- Eddie Madden
  - The motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy was made by Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
- Review of the Ready to Open Schedule- Eddie Madden
  - The motion to approve the Ready to Open Schedule was made by Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
- Appointment of Board of Directors Officers-Robert Bleecker

- The motion to approve the Appointment of the Board of Directors was made by Robert Bleecker. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.

Appointments to the Board are as follows:

Chair: Eddie Madden  
 Treasurer: Carla Jacobs  
 Vice-Chair: Calvin Stevens  
 Secretary: Rhonda Coyne

- The 2016-2017 Board Meeting Calendar- Eddie Madden
  - The motion to approve the 2016-2017 Board Meeting Calendar was made by Eddie Madden. Board meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday for the months of October, 2016 and January, February, March, April, May, and June of 2017. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
- Facilities Presentation- Gardner Altman
- Funding Presentation- Howard Sowell
  - Explanation of Advantaged Capital for Education (A.C.E.) approval of a 4-year loan to Emereau. The motion to approve start-up funding was made by Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
- The 2016-2017 Ready to Open Budget- Eddie Madden/Carla Jacobs
  - Carla Jacobs explained the monetary break-down of expenses. The motion to approve the Ready to Open Budget was made Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
- Emereau Update- Kate Alice Dunaway
  - Kate Alice Dunaway described attendance of recent training and conferences, and marketing development, and website design. Emereau: Bladen is set to open in the fall of 2017- accepting grades K-6.
- Uniform Policy- Eddie Madden
  - The motion to approve the Uniform Policy was made by Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
- Marketing Update- Eddie Madden
  - An update regarding the development of the school app- to include, but not limited to, announcements, homework, and inclement weather closures/delays- was given. Operation of the app begins now to begin fluid communication with potential attending families and will be linked to the school's website. The companies aiding in this endeavor are Acadia NorthStar and Steve Joyner Consulting.
  - The motion to approve the contract with Acadia NorthStar was made by Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board member opposed.
  - The motion to approve the contract with Steve Joyner Consulting was made by Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
- Emereau: Roanoke Valley- Eddie Madden

- Eddie Madden detailed that a re-submission of the application for this school will happen on 09/16/2016.
- The motion to approve the re-submission of the Emereau: Roanoke Valley application was made by Eddie Madden. The motion carried with all board members in favor and no board members opposed.
  
- Date of Next Board Meeting- Eddie Madden
  - The scheduled date of the next meeting was revealed as 10/11/2016 at 6pm. The location is yet to be determined.
  
- Motion to Adjourn – Eddie Madden
  - Meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.