

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 29, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in a special called meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Eddie Madden, Chair; Sandra Lewis, Vice Chair; Phil Byrd, Treasurer; Ashley Dowless and Dennis Troy

Board Member Absent: Dean Hilton and Maurice Williams

Others Participating Virtual: Whitley Ward, Attorney

Administrative Staff Present: Elizabeth Cole, Executive Director; Polly Hancock, Dean of Academic Initiatives; and Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate

Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Dowless led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement: Mrs. Lewis read the Mission Statement.

Conflict of Interest Statement: Mr. Madden read the Conflict of Interest statement. There were no conflicts of interest noted.

Purpose of the Meeting: Mr. Madden stated the purpose of the special called meeting is to approve the agreement between Emereau Bladen and Whitley Ward, Attorney; approve beginning and ending term for Board of Directors; approve the Mental Health Plan required by legislation; whether to move forward with financing of Phase IIIB construction; and to discuss personnel matters as per NCGS 143.318.11(a).

Engagement Agreement for Legal Services: Mr. Madden presented the proposal for legal services from Whitley Ward, along with an annual subscription to ELNC. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the agreement and the yearly subscription. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

USDA Update: Mr. Madden informed everyone that financing with the USDA has been completed and that Emereau was now the owner of the property.

Phase IIIB Discussion: Mr. Madden gave an update on financing Phase IIIB construction.

Beginning and Ending Terms for Board of Directors: Mrs. Cole presented the following terms for the Board of Directors:
Ashley Dowless, Chair—7/2021-6/2025--4 year term
Sandra Dowless, Vice Chair—7/2021-6/2025—4 year term
Phil Byrd, Treasurer—7/2020-6/2024—4 year term
Maurice Williams, Secretary—7/2021-6/2023—2 year term
Dennis Troy, Director—7/2021-6/2024—3 year term
Jennifer Whittington, Director—7/2021-6/2023—2 year term
Dan Allen, Director—7/2020-6/2024—4 year term
Mrs. Lewis motioned to approve the terms presented. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mental Health Plan: Mrs. Cole shared the Mental Health Plan required by the North Carolina legislation due July 1, 2021. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the Mental Health Plan presented. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Closed Session: Mrs. Dowless motioned to go into closed session. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Mrs. Dowless motioned to return to open session. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel Recommendations: Mrs. Cole presented the following personnel recommendations: Ted Wisniewski—5th Grade Teacher; Iliana Sarmiento—Spanish Teacher; Shelly Dove—Art Teacher; and Collin Ransom—Associate Teacher and a resignation from Kellye Hales. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the recommendations presented. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved

July Meeting: The July Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Troy motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate