

The Emereau Foundation  
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024  
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

Minutes

The Emereau Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Dan Allen, Chair and Dennis Troy. Members present via Zoom: Sandra Lewis, Vice Chair, Phil Byrd, Treasurer, Jennifer Whittington, Ashley Dowless and Whitely Ward, Board Attorney.

Members absent were: Maurice Williams, Secretary

Administrative staff present were Polly Hancock, Head of School, Amanda Garner, Dean of Lower School, and Terri Raynor, Dean of Operations

Other staff present were Smiley Butler.

Visitors in attendance: None

The Chair, Dan Allen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Everyone joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen asked if there were any Conflict of Interests for tonight's meeting, there were no conflicts of interest noted.

Mr. Allen asked for a vote to amend the agenda. Mrs. Dowless motioned to amend the agenda to add a vote for Facilities. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Allen presented the minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting for approval. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the minutes presented. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Allen opened the floor for public comments. No comments were given.

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson presented the financial report for the month of November and December. She reported that November's net income increased due to county allotments coming in regularly. For December she reported that the net income looked good due to a steady flow of Federal and local monies coming in. Mrs. Nickolauson said that we are at 53%, finances look good and that there were no findings to report. There was no other discussion. Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the financial reports for November and December. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hancock gave the Facilities report. She reported that we wanted to move forward and add 8 classrooms and 4 bathrooms onto the middle school building. She reported that she was going to attend the January 16th County Commissioners Meeting and present the plan for the addition and ask for \$135,000.00. There was a discussion on whether bids were required. Mrs. Hancock said she would check to see if we needed bids. Mrs. Dowless motioned to approve the request and build pending no bids are required. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Curriculum Report and Head of School report were waived due to weather.

Mrs. Hancock asked for any discussion on the SIT Plan. Members asked if there were steps in the plan that addressed how to improve our D and to move us out of TSI status. Mrs. Hancock told them it did and that they would continue to update it as the data changed. Mrs. Lewis motioned to approve the SIT Plan. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hancock asked for any discussion on the installation Security Cameras, there was none. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the installation of cameras on campus. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Byrd motioned to go into closed session at 10:39 a.m. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Troy motioned to come out of closed session at 11:26 a.m. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Under Personnel Recommendations, Mrs. Lewis motioned to uphold the recommendation of the administration. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was approved. Mr. Troy sustained from voting.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Troy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Raynor  
Dean of Operations