

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

Minutes

The Emereau Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Sandra Lewis, Vice Chair, Phil Byrd, Treasurer, Dennis Troy, Jennifer Whittington, and Dan Allen

Participating virtually was Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions.

Members absent were Ashley Dowless and Maurice Williams

Administrative staff present were Polly Hancock, Interim Head of School, Terri Raynor, Dean of Operations, and Whitley Ward, Board Attorney

Other staff present were Amanda Bunch and Amanda Garner.

The Vice Chair, Sandra Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Everyone joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. Whittington read the Mission Statement.

Mrs. Lewis read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There were no conflicts of interest noted.

Mrs. Lewis presented the minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting for approval. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the minutes presented. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Lewis opened the floor for public comments. No comments were given.

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson presented the financial report for the month of June. She reported that finances looked good, that we used a lot of our state and federal money instead of our local funds. She reported that there were no findings to report. Mr. Byrd asked for an explanation of why the cash line increased for this month. Mrs. Nickolauson confirmed that funds were replaced due to expenses that had been previously paid. There was no other discussion. Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the financial report for June. Mr. Allen seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Nickolauson presented the 2023-2024 budget. She explained that the budget was based on 580 students and that the bottom line did not reflect ESSER funds. She commented on the different funds we have access to and how they were going to be used. Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the 2023-2024 budget. Mr. Troy seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Ward, Board Attorney, reported that she reviewed the Bylaws and gave clarification on what she perceived the terms were as set in our current bylaws. She advised the board to amend the bylaws to extend the terms of office and place a limit on years that can be served on the board but place no limit on years an office can be held. She also advised that we vote every

year for officers. The Board asked Mrs. Ward to make those changes and present the amended bylaws at our next meeting. No action/vote was taken.

Mrs. Lewis requested a motion to reappoint Mrs. Whittington and Mr. Troy as board members. Mr. Byrd made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Whittington. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Byrd made a motion to reappoint Mr. Troy. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Lewis presented the officers to be voted on for our 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Whittington made a motion for Dan Allen as Board Chair. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mrs. Whittington made a motion for Sandra Lewis as Board Vice Chair. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Allen made a motion for Phil Byrd as Treasurer. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Byrd made a motion for Maurice Williams as Secretary. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

In the Interim Head of School's report Mrs. Hancock reported on enrollment and gave details on confirmation numbers vs. the number of packets we had received. She reported that our PowerSchool enrollment was currently showing 601. Mrs. Hancock gave a report on how BETA did at Nationals. She gave an update on our new sign, they were hopeful it would be completed by the start of school. A report on our School Improvement Team was given and Open Session would be held July 25th at Trinity Methodist Church. She closed out her report by reading a thank you note from Mrs. Cole.

Mrs. Whittington motioned to go into closed session at 6:27 p.m. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Byrd motioned to come out of closed session at 6:44 p.m. Mrs. Whittington seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Under Personnel Recommendations, Mr. Allen motioned to uphold the recommendation of the administration. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Whittington motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Raynor
Dean of Operations