

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

Minutes

The Emereau Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Dan Allen, Chair, Sandra Lewis, Vice Chair, Phil Byrd, Treasurer, Dennis Troy and Whitley Ward, Board Attorney.

Members absent were: Maurice Williams, Secretary, Jennifer Whittington and Ashley Dowless

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

Other staff present: None

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 presented the minutes from the January 9, 2024 meeting for approval. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the minutes presented. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Ms. Tasha Robinson presented the financial report for the month of January. She reported that January's net income increased due to county allotments coming in regularly and that State revenue has increased and will be updated accordingly. Ms. Robinson said that we are at 46.10%, 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 January. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Byrd gave the Finance Committee report. He discussed that the Operating Funds at Truist needed to be dispersed into other avenues so that we make sure all funds are covered with FDIC insurance. Mr. Byrd covered the options we had. After board discussion Mrs. Lewis motioned to move forward with investment strategies laid out by Ameriprise. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hancock gave the Facilities Committee report. She reported that DeVane Builders has already started prepping the building to start the new construction and that floor plans have been posted in both buildings. We have received a check for our Building Fund from the BC Commissioners and a thank you note was written and delivered. We are currently in the process of having our new cameras and vape sensors installed. The Lift Station has been put on a maintenance schedule. Some concerns were expressed about our pavement not being sealed. The board has asked us to look into the cost of sealing and report back.

Mrs. Lewis gave the Curriculum Committee Report. She summarized what was included in the Board packet. She was pleased to see the focus on all students and stressed the importance of using Formal Assessments along with I-Ready.

In the Head of School's Report Mrs. Hancock shared I-Ready data, explained Power Teams and their role in working on interventions with students to improve test scores. She informed the Board that Bus rules as well as other documents were updated and posted to our website as required. Friday is our 101th day of school.

Mrs. Hancock presented the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar for approval. There was no discussion. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the presented Calendar. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hancock presented the Delta Dental 2024-2025 renewal for approval. There was no discussion. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the renewal. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Byrd motioned to go into closed session at 6:19 p.m.. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Lewis motioned to come out of closed session at 6:28 p.m. Mr. Troy 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 unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Byrd motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Raynor
Dean of Operations