

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- Board Members Present: Eddie Madden, Chair; Sandra Lewis, Vice Chair; Maurice Williams, Secretary; Ashley Dowless
- Board Member Participating Virtual: Phil Byrd, Treasurer
- Board Member Absent: Dean Hilton and Dennis Troy, David Wall, Attorney
- Others Participating Virtual: Jennifer Laney, Prestige School Solutions.
- Administrative Staff Present: Elizabeth Cole, Executive Director; Polly Hancock, Dean of Academic Initiatives; and Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate, Pam Taylor, EC Coordinator, Amanda Bunch, Executional Children teacher; Amanda Garner, 2nd grade teacher.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Williams led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
- Mission Statement: Mrs. Cole read the Mission Statement.
- Conflict of Interest Statement: Mr. Madden read the Conflict of Interest statement. There were no conflicts of interest noted.
- Minutes: After the roll call by Mrs. Everette, Mr. Madden presented minutes from the April 27, 2021 for approval. Mrs. Dowless motioned to approve the minutes presented. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Public Comments: There were no comments given.
- Financial Report: Mrs. Nicholauson with Prestige School Solutions gave a financial update and presented the April financial report. Mr. Williams motioned to approve the financial report presented. Mr. Byrd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- USDA Update: Mr. Madden gave an update on the USDA financing. It is still hopeful that closing will take place before the end of the school year.

- Year End Audit Contract (Pettway, Mills & Pearson): Mr. Madden presented a contract from Pettway Mills and Pearson audit firm to conduct the year-end audit. Mrs. Dowless motioned to approve the contract with changes noted. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Exceptional Children Program Contracts: Mrs. Pam Taylor presented the following EC Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year for approval: Speech Solutions, Inc., Integrated Pediatric Therapies, LLC, Margaret A. Zastrow, PT and Associates; Invision Services, Inc.; Barbara Bell Psychologists. Mrs. Dowless motioned to approve the EC contracts. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Board Meeting Dates: Mr. Madden presented the 2021-2022 Board of Directors Meeting dates for approval. Mr. Williams motioned to approve the meeting dates presented. Mrs. Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved with meetings starting at 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m.
- Athletic Information Update: Mrs. Cole gave an update on the athletic program. The Softball and Baseball season was very successful. The sprinkler system has been installed on the fields and working well.
- Executive Directors Report: Mrs. Cole gave an enrollment update. Current enrollment is 611. Projected enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is 688. Enrollment packets have been sent to parents and due back by May 26, 2021. Mrs. Cole gave an update on excessive absences due to COVID and students being remote or homeschooled. Mrs. Cole informed the board that the Family Handbook would be updated with an attendance policy and presented at the June meeting for approval. Mrs. Cole reminded the Board that the nomination committee would need to meet for board organization structure and presented for approval at the June 15 meeting. Mrs. Cole informed the Board that Summer School would not be held this summer. Built in the ESSER Grant, students will be offered a two-week resource program in December and a three-week program in June 2022.
- Closed Session: Mrs. Dowless motioned to go into closed session. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Motion to Return to Open Session: Mrs. Dowless motioned to return to open session. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Personnel Recommendations: No action was taken.
- June Meeting: The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Mrs. Dowless motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate