

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

Minutes

The Emereau Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mrs. Ashley Dowless, Chair; Mrs. Sandra Lewis, Vice Chair; Mr. Maurice Williams, Secretary; Ms. Jennifer Whittington, Mr. Dennis Troy, and Mr. Dan Allen.

Participating virtually were Mr. Phil Byrd, Treasurer and Mrs. Jennifer Laney with Prestige School Solutions.

Administrative staff present were Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, Executive Director, Mrs. Polly Hancock, Dean of Academics and Mrs. Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate.

Board Chair Ashley Dowless called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. and everyone joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Dowless welcomed everyone and introduced the new Board of Directors, Mrs. Jennifer Whittington and Mr. Dan Allen.

Mrs. Sandra Lewis read the Mission Statement and Board Chair Ashley Dowless read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There were no conflicts of interest noted.

Mrs. Dowless presented the minutes from the June 15, 2021 and the June 29, 2021 meetings for approval.

Mrs. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes presented. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Board Chair Ashley Dowless opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were given.

Ms. Jennifer Laney presented the financial report for June 30, 2021. Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the financial report presented. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Cole updated the board on the Phase IIIB Construction stating site plans have been shared but no work had taken place.

Under Board of Director's meeting time, Mrs. Dowless recommended changing the time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mr. Allen motioned to change the meetings to 5:30 p.m. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Cole motioned to amend the agenda to add the following two items; 1) to allow Mrs. Julie Sasser to have an apparel sale for the athletic program and the donation of a building

to house a lawn mower; and 2) allow her to sign authorization for Federal Assurances. Mr. Williams motioned to amend the agenda to add the two items presented by Mrs. Cole. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion passed.

Mrs. Sasser asked permission to have apparel sales three times a year with money going to the Athletic program. Mrs. Sasser also informed the board she has donated a lawn mower and a storage building to house the mower. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the apparel sales and to accept the donations by Mrs. Sasser. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Cole shared Federal Assurances and asked for authorization to sign the assurances that we are staying in compliance with all federal dollars received. Mrs. Lewis motioned to authorize Mrs. Cole to sign the federal assurances. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Under the Executive Director's report, Mrs. Cole gave an update on enrollment. Mrs. Cole informed everyone that Emereau would be operating face-to-face instruction while following the CDC guidelines. Remote instruction will not be offered unless circumstances change. Open House is scheduled for Thursday, July 29th 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Teachers return on Thursday, July 22nd. A back to school celebration for teachers will be held at The Lake Church, White Lake, NC. Students will return on August 2nd. Student planners have been ordered for all students. Mrs. Cole shared a notebook for each board member with Bylaws, Calendars, the Charter Application and Family Guide Book. Mrs. Cole then shared a design layout of the playground and an outdoor classroom space to be installed. Completion of the project will take approximately 8 weeks. Mrs. Cole met with Sheriff McVicker and Captain Jeff Singletary with the Bladen County Sheriff's Department about having a School Resource Officer (SRO) on campus. Mrs. Cole informed the Board that Deputy Cedric Jacobs would be on campus as a SRO from 7:15 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. each day. Deputy Jacobs will not be on the Emereau payroll and the Bladen County Sheriff's Department would bill the school on a monthly basis.

Mrs. Dowless asked for a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Troy motioned to go into closed session. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Troy motioned to return to open session. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Under Personnel recommendations, Mrs. Cole presented the following personnel recommendations: Allison Jones, Custodian; Amanda Kinlaw, 6th Grade Math; Stacie Bryan, Associate Teacher; Leann Hester, Associate Teacher; Jennifer Russ, School Nurse; Donna Allen, Kindergarten; and Blair Potter, Art/Marketing. Mr. Troy motioned to accept the personnel recommendations. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, at 5:30 p.m.

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Mr. Troy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Wanda Everette,
Administrative Associate