

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
5:00 p.m.
Minutes

The Emereau: Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Eddie Madden, Chair; Mrs. Lisa DeVane, Vice Chair; Mrs. Sandra Lewis, Mrs. Ashley Dowless (late arrival)
Mr. Maurice Williams, Secretary (late arrival)

Board Member Absent: Mr. Phil Byrd, Treasurer and Mr. Dean Hilton

Administrative Staff Present: Mrs. Carla Fisher, Mrs. Kayla Gooden, Mrs. Pam Taylor, Mr. Smiley Butler, Mrs. Amanda Garner, Ms. Brittany Dockery, Mrs. Ashley Davis, Ms. Katie Thompson, Mr. Richard Bouldin, Mrs. Ashley Artis, Mrs. Joann Melvin, and Mrs. Wanda Everette

Call to Order and Welcome: Chair Madden called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Reports: *Executive Directors Report:* Mrs. Fisher gave an update on Lotterease stating that 180 students are currently enrolled. Bright Arrow messages are being sent out to parents with updates. Mrs. Fisher informed the Board she had submitted a survey on cursive writing and multiplication tables to DPI for grades 3-5 and reports are being shared with the State Board of Education on improvements that can be made. Mrs. Fisher gave an update on Benchmark tests and stated all Benchmark Tests will be EOG released tests going forward. Release Time Classes have started back on regular schedule. Mrs. Kayla Gooden gave an updated on the fundraisers and intent forms. 440 out of 447 intent forms for next year have been received. *Exceptional Children Report:* Mrs. Taylor gave an EC update. 56 students are being served. 25 students have been referred to the SAT Team and 14 have been placed. Mrs. Fisher gave an update on the Athletic Program. The Color Run Field Trip went well with over \$13,000 being raised. Baseball Tryouts will be held on February 19-20. Home games will be played at the County Park on Hwy 701. Chair Madden informed the Board that the Mountain Bike event was coming up on March 17, 2019. Mrs. Fisher updated the Board on fundraisers and upcoming field trips.

- The Mission Statement: Mr. Eddie Madden read the Mission Statement at approximately 5:25 pm.
- Reading of Conflict of Interest Statement: Chair Madden read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There were no Conflicts of Interest noted.
- Minutes: Chair Madden presented the minutes from the January 31, 2019 meeting. Mrs. Sandra Lewis motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. Lisa DeVane seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- Budget Report: Chair Madden presented the Budget Report. Mr. Maurice Williams motioned to approve the Budget Report presented. Mrs. Ashley Dowless seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Contract to Audit Accounts Petway Mills & Pearson, PA: Chair Madden presented an Audit Contract with Petway Mills & Pearson, PA to conduct the 2018-2019 Audit. Mrs. Ashley Dowless motioned to approve the audit contact. Maurice Williams seconded and the motion passed.
- Grievance Policy: Mrs. Fisher present a Grievance Policy to provide procedures for parent and students to follow when issues arrive that constitutes a grievance. Mrs. Sandra Lewis motioned to approve the Grievance Policy. Mrs. Ashley Dowless seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- Board Meeting Dates 2018/19 SY and the 2019/2020 SY: Mrs. Fisher presented proposed board meeting dates for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Maurice Williams motioned to approve the dates presented. Mrs. Lisa DeVane seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
- Purchase of Additional Buses: Mr. Smiley Butler gave an update on the buses. Mr. Butler stated the buses are at capacity and expressed the need to purchase two buses and the need for an activity bus. Mrs. Fisher recommended purchasing one bus and an activity bus. Chair Madden opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Lisa DeVane expressed concern with spending \$84,000 on a bus when it needs to be spent on curriculum. Mrs. Sandra Lewis agreed. Mrs. Ashley Dowless motioned to move forward with the purchase of one additional bus at state contract. Mr. Maurice Williams seconded. The vote resulted in a tie. Voting if favor was Mrs. Ashley Dowless and Mr. Maurice Williams. Voting against was Mrs. Lisa DeVane and Mrs. Sandra Lewis. Chair Madden broke the tie by voting in favor to purchase one additional bus at the state contracted price.
- Public Comment: No comments were made
- Closed Session: A motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Maurice Williams. Mrs. Ashley Dowless seconded and the Board unanimously voted to go

into closed session per NC General Statute 143.318.11(a) for the purpose of discussing a potential personnel contracts: A public body may close a session for the following purpose: to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or a proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other materials terms or an employment contract or a proposed employment contract.

Motion to return to Open Session: Mr. Maurice Williams motioned to return to open session. Mrs. Sandra Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel Recommendations: No action taken

March Meeting: The March meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19, at 5:00 p.m. The Board will hold a Retreat on Sunday, March 10th, 12:30-5:00 p.m. Mrs. DeVane informed everyone that surveys were being sent to all staff. Surveys are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and returned to Wanda Everette by Friday, March 22, 2019.

Motion to Adjourn: Mrs. Ashley Dowless motioned to adjourn. Mr. Maurice Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Williams, Secretary

Wanda Everette, Administrative Associate