

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

Minutes

The Emereau Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Ashley Dowless, Board Chair; Phil Byrd, Treasurer, Maurice Williams, Dennis Troy, Dan Allen, and Whitley Ward, Board Attorney.

Participating virtually was Christy Nickolauson with Prestige School Solutions and Sandra Lewis, Vice Chair.

Member absent was Jennifer Whittington.

Administrative staff present were Elizabeth Cole, Executive Director and Terri Raynor, Administrative Associate. Other staff present was Rodney Morrison.

Board Chair, Ashley Dowless called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Everyone joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Dowless.

Mrs. Cole read the Mission Statement.

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

Mrs. Dowless presented the minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting for approval. Mr. Allen motioned to approve the minutes presented. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson presented the financial report for the month of February. She reported that there is about 40% remaining and that there were no findings to report. She is also working on the 23-24 budget and would meet with Mrs. Cole and Mr. Byrd so that it could be presented at the April meeting. Mrs. Cole informed the board that we submitted the Fuel Contingency Report Request and are waiting for a response. She also shared that we are doing research on funding for some new buses and would report more at next meeting. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the financial report for February. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Cole reported on the draft for the new monument sign. She said the proposal had been sent to the prospective donors but she has not received a response as of date. Mrs. Cole asked for approval on the sign design. Mr. Williams motioned to approve the monument sign. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

In the Executive Director's report Mrs. Cole updated the board on our lottery numbers. They are still going up, we've gained 15 since she last reported. 132 have confirmed so far for the

2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Cole informed the board that we would be having benchmarks next week and that she would present the data at our next meeting. She reported that there have been no major offenses in discipline and that most minor incidents are stemming from the usage of social media outside of the school and spilling over into the school day. She has made parents aware and asked for their support in handling this at home. Mrs. Cole reminded the board that we would not meet March 18 for board training. She asked them to look at dates for the week of June 19th for the training.

Mr. Byrd motioned to go into closed session at 5:58 p.m. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Allen motioned to come out of closed session at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Under Personnel Recommendations, Mr. Troy motioned to uphold the recommendation of the administration. Mrs. Lewis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Troy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Raynor
Administrative Associate