

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, July 9, 2024
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

Minutes

The Emereau Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Dan Allen, Chair, Dennis Troy, Vice Chair, Phil Byrd, Treasurer, Maurice Williams, Secretary, and Lisa DeVane

Participating virtually were Andrew Lancaster and Jack Brown, Prestige School Solutions.

Members absent were Ashley Dowless and Tanya Head

Administrative staff present were Polly Hancock, Executive Director, Amanda Garner, Dean of Lower School, Theresia Wright, Dean of Upper School, Terri Raynor, Dean of Operations, and Whitley Ward, Board Attorney

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

Mrs. Hancock, Executive Director, read the Mission Statement.

Mr. Allen asked if there were any Conflicts of Interests for tonight's meeting, there were no conflicts of interest noted.

Mr. Allen presented the minutes from the June 11, 2024 meeting for approval. Mr. Troy motioned to approve the minutes presented. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Brown presented the financial report for the month of June. He reported that finances looked good and there were no findings to report. Mr. Byrd asked for an explanation of why the revenue increased for this month. Mr. Brown explained that the additional revenue was due to County appropriations and State revenues coming in higher than was originally budgeted. Mr. Brown noted that expiring State funds have been spent and that we were to the positive without budget. There was no other discussion. Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the financial report for June. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Allen presented Lisa DeVane and Tanya Head as Board of Director Nominations for approval. Mr. Troy motioned to approve Mrs. DeVane and Mrs. Head as new members. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Hancock presented an updated Academic Calendar with the start date being pushed back until August 8th due to our new building not ready for occupancy. Mr. Williams motioned to

approve the updated calendar. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Hancock presented the Student Policies that were updated and made reader friendly. She confirmed that there would be a Parent Confirmation Signature Page that would be signed and returned to school to keep on file. Mrs. DeVane asked that we add coverage for Athletic events. After discussion on adding coverage for sports as well as all other school related activities Mr. Troy made the motion to approve with corrections and approval by Mrs. Ward, Board Attorney. Mrs. DeVane seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Hancock asked for permission to be able to complete and sign Title Grant Applications on behalf of the school. Mr Troy made the motion to approve. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Ward gave the Facilities report. Mrs. Hancock reported that we will have to delay the opening of school until August 8th due to the new addition not being ready for occupancy. She also reported that we could no longer purchase the original flooring that was used in the older MS building so we had to use a different flooring that complimented the old. Mrs. Ward updated us on the Deed of Trust for our County Commissioners funding. She explained that deeding the empty parcel for our grant would be the best move. After discussion on Deed of Trust Mr. Byrd made the motion to approve the Deed of Trust to be placed on the 4 acres instead of the original parcel mentioned in the grant. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

In the Head of School's report Mrs. Hancock reported that enrollment was up to 624 and that there was a possibility of needing a Kindergarten and First Grade teacher. She invited the Board members to Open House on August 6th, 2:00 - 7:00.

There was no closed session.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Raynor
Dean of Operations