

# AMES Board of Trustees

November 12, 2009

Called to Order: 5:10 p.m.

## Attendees:

### Board:

Martha Bradley

Martin Bates

Barbara Kuehl

Lisa Blakemore

Helen Seltzer

Gonzalo Palza

Holly Monserret

### Staff:

Al Church

Richard Clark

Nancy Carpenter

### Excused:

Hiram Alba

### Visitors:

Kathy Maxfield

## Report to the Board

### 1. Minutes of September 21, 2009 –

**Motion** to approve the minutes of September 21, 2009 as written: Holly Monserret  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**: Barbara Kuehl

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

### 2. U-PASS/AYP AMES School Report –

Rebecca Raybould presented the board with a report outlining AMES progress toward AYP. We did make AYP and we will be taking a closer look at town concerns: earth science and math (algebra & geometry). There was a change in the math curriculum last year and improvement strategies for both science and math will be reported at the next board meeting.

### 3. Utah Consolidated Application (CUSAP) –

The State of Utah has a new system to Help monitor schools for Federal funds. AMES developed an action plan and set goals for the new system. The 3 goals that AMES committee of parents, teachers and administration have come up with are:

1. Affective development for college readiness.
2. Improve student math performance overall.
3. Ensure high proficiency in language arts.

These goals align with the results of the UPASS/AYP.

**Motion** to approve the action plan as presented: Gonzolo Palza

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Holly Monserret

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

4. **PTSO Report** – Holly Monserret reported that Barnes & Noble were at the PTSO meeting earlier this afternoon. They are excited to welcome our school on December 12<sup>th</sup> for our book fair in their Murray Store (5300 S. State). All sales will count toward our total as long as a voucher is presented.  
Al distributed and discussed the Climate Conference observation summaries with the board.
5. **EPIC Project** – AMES was nominated to participate in this federally funded teacher incentive program which rewards charter teachers for student performance on state tests. Rebecca Raybould submitted data to New Leaders and we are waiting to hear if we qualify for the program.
6. **Principal Search Committee** – The board was given a summary of the progress the committee has made. The field is narrowed to 4 candidates; with further telephone interviews on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Westminster Graduate Study (IRB) Request** – AMES has been approached by a Westminster graduate student who will conduct a study on factors contributing to increasing the rate of Latinos attending college in Utah. AMES was asked to participate because of efforts to support our Latino students with college access and attendance.

**Motion** to approve research proposal: Martin Bates

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Barbara Kuehl

**Vote:** Unanimously approved on the condition that it is presented to the AMES Board before publication.

## **Fiscal**

1. **Legislative: Budget Environment '10-'11 SY** – We are expecting a minimum cut of 2.9% for next year. We won't know specific budget appropriations until the session ends in mid-March. We will share with the board in January the outlook for charter schools.
2. **July/August/September/October Fiscals** – Richard presented the current fiscal outlook. We made good decisions to stay fiscally sound with a balanced budget and expected projections in line.

**Motion** to approve fiscals as presented: Martin Bates

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Gonzalo Palza

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

3. **Squire End of Year Audit** – We have heard from Squire that the audit has been completed. We have not received the final report, which will be distributed at the January meeting.

## **Board Organization**

1. **AMES Board Vice-Chair Appointment** –

**Motion** to approve Helen Seltzer as AMES Board Vice-Chair: Holly Monserret

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Lisa Blakemore

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

## Foundation

- 1. Appoint New Foundation Board Members –**  
**Motion** to place Gonzalo Palza and Martha Bradley on the AMES Foundation Board: Holly Monserret  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Barbara Kuehl  
**Motion** to transfer \$3,000.00 from the foundation account to the AMES general account for Science fair class expenses: Gonzalo Palza  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Martha Bradley  
**Vote:** Unanimously approved
- 2. Update on Grant requests –** Kathy Maxfield updated the board on the grant requests she has been working on. We received \$2,000 from the Eskuche Charitable Fund and we have a request in to the Eccles Foundation.
- 3. Charter School Workshop–** Kathy Maxfield reported on her attendance at the Charter School Association workshop which was both informative and beneficial.

## High School Organization

- 1. Principal Search Committee –** The item was covered in the Report to the Board, item #6.
- 2. NAAS/Action Plan Rubric –** The board was given a copy of the action plan that was prepared and will be followed by our faculty in order to maintain and follow our Accreditation plan.
- 3. Spirit Week –** The board was given a recap of AMES Spirit Week in October.
- 4. Demographics –** The board was given a copy of the current AMES demographics.

The AMES board was invited to attend the Science Fair Sneak Peek going on in Skunkworks in which AMES science fair students present their preliminary projects to fellow students and parents.

**Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: January 14, 2010 – 5:00 p.m.**