

# AMES Board of Trustees

November 8, 2007

Called to Order: 5:12 p.m.

## Attendees:

Board:

Hiram Alba  
Kathleen Christy  
Linda Hansen  
Mac Brubaker  
Martin Bates  
Gonzalo Palza

Excused:

Chuck Wight  
Kathleen Christy  
Leigh Weintraub

## Staff:

Al Church  
Richard Clark  
Nancy Carpenter

## Visitors:

Jennifer Mabey  
Rebecca Raybould  
Jean Hill  
Kathleen Crapo  
David Chavez

## Report to the Board

### 1. Minutes of September 6, 2007 –

**Motion** to approve the minutes of September 6, 2007: Mac Brubaker

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

**Vote:** Unanimously approve

### 2. PTSO Report –

**a.** Results of parent surveys on the Climate Conference that was held in October were shared with board members. The parents felt that the school was a good supportive place for student learning. It was suggested that the results be shared with the parents that attended the conference.

- b. Linda Hansen covered the Barnes & Noble Book Fair that will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>. A flyer was included in each packet and Nancy will send an electronic copy to all board members so they may share with friends and family.
3. **NCSSSMST Student Conference** – AMES Chemistry teacher, Ashley Budd and AMES students Ahrash Poursaid (11), Daniel Blakemore (11), Ludmila Nicolia (11), and Sarah Niitsuma (11) gave a presentation on their trip and experiences in Washington DC for the NCSSSMST Conference.
  4. **JFF National ECHS Conference** – Al presented an article from JFF on Early College High Schools which featured AMES. Al also attended the National ECHS Conference with several other representative from Utah. He felt that the conference was informative and feels like AMES is on the right track with the concurrent program and other Early College programs. Jennifer Mabey from the University of Utah also reported on the conference and came away with the feeling that AMES is doing important work getting our student ready to succeed in college. Jennifer Mabey also let the board know that the University of Utah has developed a data base to track students and to look for trends on preparing students for University of Utah classes at AMES.
  5. **Robert C. Byrd Scholarships** – AMES received notice from the USOE that three of our 2007 graduates received the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship (\$1,500 each). The AMES students were: Ivayla Ivanova who is at Brown University, Candice Murray who attends MIT and Raymond Walther who is attending the University of Utah.
  6. **AMES U-PASS Report Card** – This item has been covered and was put on the agenda in error.
  7. **Annual Report: Legislative/State Charter School Board** – AMES is required to submit a report to the State Charter School Board, a copy of the report was given to each board member.

## Foundation

1. **Fund Raising Efforts** – Fund raising issues were deferred until the January meeting as we shift gears and try different fundraising methods.

## Board Organization

1. **Open Meeting; Public Notice changes** – The Utah Legislature has made a change in the open meeting public notice. We comply with the requirements now, there will be a state website in the future where we can also post the meeting information.
2. **Revised Policy Manual (Draft)** – Jean Hill, attorney for the State Office of Education and AMES administrative intern, has reviewed our policy manual and made some change recommendations. Jean gave a summary of the changes that need to be made and Al will e-mail the board members a copy of the revised manual before the next board meeting in January.

## **Fiscal**

1. **September/October Fiscals** – Richard presented the September/October fiscals, noting that the working budget is short until the legislative funding that has been approved for teacher salaries comes through in this session.  
**Motion** to accept the September/October fiscals: Mac Brubaker  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Linda Hansen  
**Vote:** Unanimously approved
2. **Cottonwood fee issue** – A draft of a letter that will be sent to Granite School District regarding the \$10.00 per class fee that Cottonwood High charges AMES students for each class. Suggestions were made for changes and the letter will be mailed as soon as the changes are made.

## **High School Organization**

1. **U-PASS** – This item was included on the agenda in error.
2. **Demographics of November 1, 2007** – A copy of the current demographics were distributed to the board members.
3. **Update SY '07-'08 Calendar** – A new copy of the school calendar was distributed with changes and additions for the rest of the year.
4. **CUSAP (Consolidated Utah Student Achievement Plan)** – Rebecca Raybould presented the CUSAP budget. We were able to qualify for Title I funding for school-wide implementation due to our economically disadvantaged population. It will also help us pay a small amount toward the University of Utah courses. We are looking at ways to qualify for the Title 3 (ELL) funding that has been allocated, Gonzalo would like to be involved in decisions on how to spend this funding.  
**Motion** to approve proposed CUSAP budget: Gonzalo Palza  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Linda Hansen  
**Vote:** Unanimously approved
5. **USOE Charter School Agreement** – AMES is required to be a public charter that adheres to all the rules, regulations and the laws of Federal and State mandates for charter schools. This is a yearly agreement that must be signed by our board chairman and approved by the board.  
**Motion** to sign the USOE Public Charter School Agreement: Mac Brubaker  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Linda Hansen  
**Vote:** Unanimously approved

**David Chavez** an AMES parent was in attendance and made a comment on the positive learning experience his children (Gabe class of '06, Ben (12) & David (9) have had at AMES.

**Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: January 10, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.**

