

AMES Board of Trustees

March 13, 2008

Called to Order: 5:07 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Hiram Alba
Mac Brubaker
Linda Hansen
Gonzalo Palza
Leigh Weintraub
Chuck Wight
Martin Bates
Kathleen Christy

Staff:

Al Church
Richard Clark
Nancy Carpenter
Kathleen Crapo

Visitors:

John Taggart

Report to the Board

1. Minutes of January 10, 2008 –

Motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2008: Martin Bates

2nd: Mac Brubaker

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. John Taggart, State Charter School Division, USOE

John Taggart introduced himself and let the AMES board know who they are at the State Office and show their appreciation for the time and effort that the AMES board and staff spend to make AMES a successful charter school. Al made the suggestion to John that all accountability reports that are required by the state should be put into one (expletive deleted) report.

3. Student Recognition – The following students have received recognition in the various fields noted:

- a. **Andrew Cobb and Laurel Hales** – National Merit Finalists
- b. **Laurel Hales** – Micron Scholarship Semi-Finalist
- c. **Evelin Damian, Laura Leon, Sam Rivera and Maria Saavedra** – Martin Luther King Leadership Award; University of Utah

- d. **ACEC Recognition** – Students who participated in the annual School Supplies Competition.
 - e. **Salt Lake Valley Regional Science and Energy Fair** - We have 22 students who qualified to compete in the Regional Fair. These students represent 16 projects.
4. **PTSO Report** – The PTSO will give 3 scholarships for up to \$1,000 each. The PTSO will also sponsor activities for Teacher Appreciate week during the first week of May.
 5. **SB 180 - SSI** – Al asked that 5 & 6 be lumped together for one update.
 6. **Legislative Update** – Al distributed a copy of the updates from the 2008 legislative session. The charter school community feels that due to the lobbying efforts of the Charter School Association, it was a positive session. More details will be known when Richard attends an update meeting for charter schools. Al also reviewed the Regents Scholarship and the requirements that will provide \$1,000 scholarships for AMES students who have taken a rigorous schedule and fulfilled all requirements.

Foundation

1. **Micron Donation** – Micron made a donation to help defray the costs of our Science Fair. The donation was put in the foundation account and now needs to be transferred to the general account.
Motion to make the necessary transfer: Hiram Alba
2nd: Linda Hansen
Vote: Unanimously approved

Fiscal

1. **January/February Fiscals** – Richard presented the January/February fiscals. The money is flowing well, we were able to send another deposit to the Public Treasurer's Fund.
Motion to accept the January/February fiscals: Gonzalo Palza
2nd: Linda Hansen
Vote: Unanimously approved

High School Organization

1. **Recruiting: Class of 2012** – The due date for applications was March 7; we received 310 applications (25 siblings). The lottery will be held next week.
2. **Demographics of March 1, 2008** – A copy of the current demographics were distributed to the board members.
3. **Staffing** – There will be several staffing positions open for the '08-'09 school year, including 2 full time language arts teacher, 1 art teacher, 1 counselor, 1 half time foreign language teacher, 1 chemistry teacher. The positions have been posted. The following recommendations were presented to fill positions at AMES:
Becky White Hatch – social studies teacher
Michelle Timothy Safadi – half time foreign language teacher (Arabic)
Cathy Hansen – full time counselor

Motion to approve the above mentioned hires: Chuck Wight
2nd: Linda Hansen

Vote: Unanimously Approved

4. **Calendar SY '08-'09** – The board was given a draft copy of the '08-'09 school calendar. The board commented that they would like to continue the schedule of board meetings every other month as attendance is easier.
5. **Title One Monitoring** – The Title I review is done, a few minor adjustments need to be made, but our Title I program is on track.
6. **Accreditation** – Kathleen Crapo gave a report about the accreditation process and the action plan that has been finished. The emphasis for the next several years will be on reading. The day of the accreditation review will be April 24 with a visit from a team representing NAAS. Parents and board members will be invited to share in the activities on the 24th.
7. **Internships** – A list of all students who are doing internships was distributed to the board. Martha Taylor wants the board to know the businesses that are supporting AMES and their internship program. The dates for the Internship Fair (April 18) and the Partners Appreciation Luncheon (May 8) were announced also.
8. **World Languages** - In partnership with Cottonwood High School, AMES will be offering 2 new languages next year, Arabic and Mandarin Chinese. AMES is providing the Arabic teacher and Cottonwood High the Chinese teacher.

Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.