

# AMES Board of Trustees

February 13, 2020

Called to Order: 5:17 p.m.

## Attendees:

### Board:

Richard Anthony

Julie Faure

Shwan Javdan

Donald Saxon

Liz Taylor

### Excused:

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

### Staff:

Brett Wilson

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

### Visitors:

## Educational Excellence

### 1. Minutes of January 9, 2020 –

**Motion** to approve the minutes of January 9, 2020 as written: Don Saxon

**2<sup>nd</sup>**: Julie Faure

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

### 2. PTSO Report – Julie Faure reported on the PTSO meeting earlier in the afternoon.

The PTSO is looking for ways to increase donations and parent volunteers. They had a great pre-dance activity at the end of January and provided dinners for the staff during Parent/Teacher Conference. They will also provide breakfast for the Juniors for the ACT. They would like to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration meeting to try to get support and show support for new AMES parents.

### 3. Student Recognition – Brett Wilson introduced 3 seniors from the swim team who

performed well this season. Jessica Loyd received an All Region Academic Award and swims the 200 & 500 freestyle. She has been accepted to the US Air Force Academy and she will be swimming in the state finals.

Emma Walker will also be swimming in the state finals, she has accepted a full ride scholarship from the University of Kansas.

Ben Janzen has been swimming for 11 years, he swims the 100, 200 & 500 freestyle, has a 3.9 gpa, also received the All Region Academic Award and has been accepted to the U, USU, Westminster and he is waiting to hear from Harvard.

Mr. Wilson also brought in Raja Bella Hicks to meet the AMES Board. Raja is a transfer student who attended AISU until it closed at the end of her junior year. Raja has enjoyed attending AMES, she had a hard time, but with helpful teachers, counselors and administrators she had adjusted. She will be attending the U of U College of Business.

4. **Sterling Scholar Report** – AMES was represented in 12 of the Sterling Scholar Categories this year. These students put together a portfolio and submit it to the Sterling Scholar committee. All 12 of our AMES Sterling Scholars are going on to the next round. This will mean all 12 will be interviewed and to help out the students Brett Wilson and Susan McHenry have been running mock interviews to help the students get ready.
5. **FERPA Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - Brett Wilson presented the AMES Board with an updated FERPA Policy. The Board will again review for errors and have a final reading and approval at the March Board meeting.
6. **Drug Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Brett Wilson presented a new Drug Policy to the AMES Board for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. It will cover drugs, alcohol, “Over the Counter” drugs and prescription drugs. Restorative justice is not included, AMES doesn’t have it available but we will work on it. Penalties could include a 10 day suspension or drug & alcohol class for the first offence, for a second offence it could be a 45 day suspension and referral to the board. Board member had some concerns, Brett will address their concerns with alternatives given in the March meeting.
7. **2020-2021 School Calendar** – This item was tabled until the March meeting.
8. **Driver’s Ed Updated Information** – The AMES Board was given information on the amount spent on students who are on fee waiver. Brett Wilson recommends no change for AMES students taking Driver’s Education. The Board will make a decision in March.

## **Fiscal**

1. **AMES Fee Schedule** – The AMES Board was given a copy of the current fee schedule. With changes from the Utah State Board of Education, we will re-work our current schedule and present it in March for final approval.
2. **New USBE Fee Waiver Policy** – Brett Wilson presented the AMES Board with the new Fee Waiver Policy that will start going in to effect next school year.

## **Board Organization**

1. **No Business**

## **Foundation**

1. **No Business**

## **AMES Mission**

1. **Lottery Report** – The AMES Application window will close on the 14<sup>th</sup>. As of today, we have received 238 applications, 40 are siblings, 47 identify as qualified for free/reduced lunch they also represent 6 districts and 29 high schools.
2. **2020-2021 School Theme** – The AMES Board was asked to think about and suggest a theme to encapsulate the spirit of AMES.
3. **Important upcoming dates** – The AMES Board was given a list of important dates which included ACT & Aspire testing.

## **Public Comment – No Public Comment**

**Motion** to move in to closed session: Richard Anthony  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**: Liz Taylor

**Vote:** Unanimously Approved

**Closed session called at 7:02 p.m.**

**Next Meeting – March 12, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.**

*Approval pending*