

AMES Board of Trustees

June 8, 2022

Called to Order: 5:13 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Liliana Diaz

Julie Faure

Alison Flanders

Shwan Javdan

Donald Saxon

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Nancy Carpenter

Richard Welch

Visitors:

Dr. Richard Nye

Clarke Nelson

Educational Excellence

- 1. Granite School District Presentation** – Granite School District Superintendent Richard Nye presented to the AMES Board a proposal where Granite School District would authorize the AMES charter. AMES would retain the autonomy of their charter. Dr. Nye discussed the history of AMES and the idea of strengthening our partnership with Cottonwood High School. Some of the advantages would be that AMES would gain access to Cottonwood with leasing fees waived. We would be able to recruit from Granite District schools with a potential pathway for West Lake STEM students. Dr. Nye is opening the door for a conversation and how this idea would affect AMES as far as concurrent enrollment, funding. He thinks it could be mutually beneficial in the long term and he doesn't anticipate Granite overstepping and making changes.

The AMES Board had questions answered and will discuss this in length at a later time.

Change of Order - Richard Welch had another commitment and asked to have the fiscal items moved up so he could leave early.

Motion to move the Fiscal items to be discussed first: Julie Faure

2nd: Liliana Diaz

Vote: Unanimously approved

Fiscal

- 1. May Fiscals** - Richard Welch reported federal funds have been submitted for reimbursement, 3 of the 8 reimbursements came in today (6/8/22).

Motion to approve the May Fiscal report as presented: Julie Faure

2nd: Liliana Diaz

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. **Approval of Amended 2021-2022 Budget** – The budget has been amended to show the difference between the working budget approved in June 2021 and the actual spending for the year.

Motion to approve the amended 2021-2022 Budget: Liliana Diaz

2nd: Alison Flanders

Vote: Unanimously approved

3. **Approval of 2020-2023 Budget** – Richard Welch presented the AMES Board with the 2022-2023 budget that includes a 4% cost of living increase for employees with a fixed Christmas bonus. The budget is based on a population of 465 students, we are adding 9th, 10th & 11th grade students to increase the WPU.

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented: Donald Saxon

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

4. **2022-2023 Salary Schedule** – The AMES Board was presented with the 2022-2023 Salary Schedule with the 4% Cola for approval.

Motion to approve the Salary Schedule: Richard Anthony

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

Educational Excellence

2. **Minutes of May 11, 2022** –

Motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2022 as presented: Julie Faure

2nd: Liliana Diaz

Vote: Unanimously approved

3. **PTSO Report** – Julie Faure gave us an update on the PTSO. They presented 2 Scholarships to graduating seniors. They will have a meeting this summer to clean out the PTSO closet in Skunkworks and they have completed the transition with the bank accounts now being under the AMES Foundation.

4. **Fundraising, Donation & Sponsorship Policy – 2nd Reading** - Brett Wilson changed the wording to clarify the rule for a \$50,000.00 donation.

Motion to approve the Fundraising, Donation & Sponsorship Policy with the changes: Alison Flanders

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

5. **At-will Employment Policy – 2nd Reading** – This is a stand alone policy with no changes needed.

Motion to approve the At-will Employment Policy: Donald Saxon

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

6. **LEA License Policy – 2nd Reading** – This policy has had changes due to the APPEL program (previously ARL) which allow teachers to take a different procedure to be a licensed teacher. AMES is committed to this program.

Motion to approve the LEA License Policy: Julie Faure

2nd: Donald Saxon

Vote: Unanimously approved

7. **Drug Free Workplace Policy – 2nd Reading** – The AMES Board made some small changes. This is an Employee policy.
Motion to approve the Drug Free Workplace Policy: Alison Flanders
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously approved
8. **Required Background Checks & Report of Arrest Policy – 2nd Reading** – There were minor changes made to this policy.
Motion to approve the Required Background Checks & Report of Arrest Policy: Donald Saxon
2nd: Alison Flanders
Vote: Unanimously approved
9. **Grievance Policy – 2nd Reading** – Questions came up about being able to complete an investigation if the complaint comes from an anonymous source, it may not be able to be completed. There were also some modifications made to this policy.
Motion to approve the Grievance Policy with the modifications: Donald Saxon
2nd: Richard Anderson
Vote: Unanimously approved

Board Organization

1. **New Board Member** – After the interviews last month, the AMES Board is ready to make a decision on the new Board Member.
Motion to approve Michael Davidson as the new Board Member representing the PTSO/Parent group: Donald Saxon
2nd: Alison Flanders
Vote: Unanimously approved
2. **Board Terms** – The only Board member who’s term is expiring is Shwan Javdan, he would like to continue for another term, July 2022 – June 2025.
3. **2022-2023 Board Meeting Schedule** – The AMES Board will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from September through June with the exception of December.

Foundation

No Foundation Business

AMES Mission

1. **New Hires** – The AMES Board was given resumes for Brian Clancy who has been hired to teach Electronics, Engineering and help with the Robotics team. Melody Dunn has been hired to replace Ann Maloy as a math teacher.
Motion to approve the AMES new hires: Julie Faure
2nd: Richard Anthony
Vote: Unanimously approved

Potential Next Meeting Topics:

Board Retreat
Granite School District MOU
Granite School District Proposal

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Motion to close meeting: Alison Flanders

2nd: Richard Anderson

Vote: Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned – 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting – September 14, 2022

Approval pending