

AMES Board of Trustees

June 9, 2021

Called to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Liliana Diaz

Julie Faure

Alison Flanders

Shwan Javdan

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

Excused:

Richard Anthony

Don Saxon

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

Visitors:

Kari Gardner

Stephanie Southwick

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of May 12, 2021 –

Motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021 with one correction: Alison Flanders
2nd: Shwan Javdan

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. PTISO Report –

Julie Faure reported on some of the activities the PTISO has been involved in. They invited incoming families to an activity at Murray Park so that incoming families could get to know some of the parents involved in PTISO and ask questions of all of those with experience at AMES. The PTISO also helped with the end of year barbecue and sponsored the Graduation party at SpyHop which was very successful. Jenica Barber did a great job organizing the party, she will take over the treasurer position in the fall.

The PTISO is still working on a president-elect for the 2021-2022 school year, this person will also replace Lisa Taylor-Swanson on the AMES Board of Trustees.

3. Sex Education Policy – 2nd Reading –

The AMES Sex Education policy was reviewed by AMES Board members with the following suggestions given: The term STD is more commonly referred to as STI and should be consistently used in the policy. We also need to make sure that we are consistent with the term “Primary Care Giver”. Suggested changes will be implemented for approval at the next AMES Board meeting.

4. AMES Calendar 2021-2022 –

AMES follows the Granite School District calendar, however with the 2021-2022 calendar, Granite has built in 3 teacher work days that

AMES would like to turn into days when students are present and do educational activities with the students so we don't deviate from the AB calendar. The advantage of doing this would be to have the last week of school be an academic week and we can end school before Memorial Day. We would schedule our Emergency Closure day for May 31 as a zoom day should it be needed.

Motion to approve the calendar change as presented: Shwan Javdan

2nd: Alison Flanders

Vote: Unanimously approved

5. **AMES Counselor Presentation** – Kari Gardner and Stephanie Southwick updated the AMES Board on what the counseling department has been working on. Stephanie applied and received a grant from Safe UT. The counselors were able to offer scholarship to students who created web content with evidence based ways to promote mental health during hard times. We will be able to offer these scholarships next year also. The counselors have also been updating the counseling page on the AMES website and collecting data on the website usage. Student access engagement is up 34% and parents access and engagement is up 30%. The counselors are also working to help get students back on track with the culture of AMES. They thanked the board for the hard decisions made during COVID and their decision to keep the school closed until 4th quarter this year.
6. **AMES STEM Waiver for USBE** – AMES has participated in the past with limited use of the waiver. AMES can waive ½ credit of art or P.E. and replace it with a STEM class ½ credit. In 2018 it was used for 2 students, 2019 is was used for 6 students and 2020 for 13 students.

Motion to approve AMES STEM waiver extension: Julie Faure

2nd: Shwan Javdan

Vote: Unanimously approved

Fiscal

1. **Final approval of 2020-2021 Revised Budget** – Richard Welch presented the final budget to the AMES Board. As they reviewed the original budget and a revised version, they decided that they budget didn't need to be revised this year.
Motion to approve the original budget as the final budget: Alison Flanders
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously approved
2. **Approval of 2021-2022 Budget** – Richard Welch presented to 2021-2022 budget and salary schedule which included a 3% cola, 11% insurance increase, a \$1,000.00 signing bonus for new teachers and a 2% base salary one time bonus with the minimum of \$1,000.00.
Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Budget and Salary Schedule: Shwan Javdan
2nd: Alison Flanders
Vote: Unanimously approved
3. **Fiscal Policies – USBE Notice of Concern** – The USBE sent out a survey about Program Accounting (grant money), based on our answers AMES is considered high risk. We are a small school with a small accounting team so this is not an issue. Richard and Brett will meet with state auditors. We may have to write a separate policy to have specific procedures in place on handling grant money. Nothing inappropriate is going on.

Board Organization

1. **Expiring Terms** – There are 3 Board members whose terms expire at the end of June. Julie Faure will extend for another 2 years, Lisa Taylor-Swanson will be leaving the AMES Board as her son has graduated and Donald Saxon is extending his term for another 3 years. Lisa's replacement needs to be a parent and will be determined by the AMES PTSO. In a discussion the board decided that we should remove their home addresses from the board list on the website.
2. **2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule** – The AMES Board was given a schedule with the meetings falling on the second Wednesday of each month starting in September 2022.

Foundation

No Business

AMES Mission

1. **Important Upcoming dates** – AMES Graduation will be held on June 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cottonwood High School Auditorium.

Public Comment

Motion to adjourn: Alison Flanders

2nd: Shwan Javdan

Vote: Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned – 6:41 p.m.

Next Meeting – September 8, 2021

Approval pending