

AMES Board of Trustees

April 13, 2022

Called to Order: 5:06 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Liliana Diaz

Julie Faure

Alison Flanders

Shwan Javdan

Donald Saxon

Remotely:

Nancy Carpenter

Richard Welch

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Visitors:

Michael Davidson

Curt Roskelley

Board Organization

1. **Potential New Board Member Interviews**– The two board candidates were given the following questions in advance of the AMES Board meeting:

1. What experience will you bring that will strengthen our board?
2. What's the best thing about AMES and why is this important to you?
3. Board members set policy – can you disagree without being disagreeable and how?

The AMES Board introduced themselves and Brett Wilson explained the board composition. The open board position is for a 2 year term and the board member needs to be a member of the AMES PTSO.

Michael Davidson is currently chief counsel for a battery manufacturing company looking to expand around the country. He has served on a non-profit board previously and has also advised other boards.

Michael has 2 students currently at AMES and a stepson that graduated in 2021 who had a very good experience. He feels the best thing about AMES is the fantastic experience that it provides and the U of U connection. He feels like we have to be able to work together and respect each other.

Curt Roskelley has 2 students at AMES. He owns and runs 3 businesses. He has had experience serving on many boards, 2 for over 20 years and understands Roberts Rules of Order. The best thing about AMES is the smaller school and classes, the connection with the U of U and being located in Cottonwood helps the students expand their interests. He feels like listening is a key factor in getting along and being willing to compromise and get along.

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of April 13, 2022 –

Motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022 as presented: Julie Faure

2nd: Liliana Diaz

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. PTSO Report – Julie Faure gave us an update on the PTSO meeting that was held earlier in the afternoon. They discussed the senior presentations and banquet that is scheduled for May 19th. They are working on the graduation party that will be on May 26th at Spy Hop and will help out with the end of the year Barbecue on the last day of school. Teacher Appreciation Week was well received, the staff received a different recognition each day. The PTSO is looking for someone to help with fundraising and for someone to help with Julie.

3. University of Utah & SLCC Contracts – Brett Wilson informed the AMES Board that contracts from both higher education partners have been signed for the 2022-2023 school year.

Change of Order – Motion to move Item 11 to be covered before Item 4: Julie Faure

2nd: Alison Flanders

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11. Non-Discrimination Notices – AMES has been informed by USBE that our Non-Discrimination Policy needs to be more specific in the areas of 504 and Title 9. The notice is on the AMES website but will need to be changed with the changes.

After a CTE audit AMES was informed that several policies are out of compliance. The following policies have been rewritten and presented to the AMES Board for review.

5. At-will Employment Policy – 1st Reading

6. LEA License Policy – 1st Reading

7. Drug Free Workplace Policy – 1st Reading

8. Required Background Checks & Report of Arrest Policy – 1st Reading

9. Grievance Policy – 1st Reading

The AMES Board will review all of these policies, address questions for approval in the June board meeting.

10. Health Assurance Form – The Health Assurance Form is a required by the State of Utah that is usually handled by a health specialist. Brett Wilson is handling the form which is an assurance that AMES will use a state approved curriculum and invited guests will be approved.

Motion to approve and Health Assurance Form: Liliana Diaz

2nd: Donald Saxon

Vote: Unanimously approved

Fiscal

1. April Fiscals - Richard Welch reported federal funds have been plentiful due to some of the Covid funding, we are working on a plan for the decrease. We will have \$282,600 coming in for federal fund reimbursement. The WPU for 2022-2023 will increase.

Motion to approve the April Fiscal report as presented: Donald Saxon

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

Foundation

- 1. No Foundation Update**

AMES Mission

- 1. Calendar Items** – The last day of school and graduation is May 27. Graduation will be held at 4:00 p.m.

Potential Next Meeting Topics:

Policies – 2nd Reading
Board Member decision
Board Terms
Fiscals/Budget

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Motion to move into closed session: Julie Faure

2nd: Donald Saxon

Vote: Unanimously approved – 6:38 p.m.

Motion to return to open meeting: Julie Faure

2nd: Alison Flanders

Vote: Unanimously approved – 7:04 p.m.

Motion to close meeting: Alison Flanders

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned – 7:04 p.m.

Next Meeting – June 8, 2022

Approval pending