

AMES Board of Trustees

May 12, 2021

Called to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Julie Faure

Alison Flanders

Shwan Javdan

Don Saxon

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

Excused:

Liliana Diaz

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of April 14, 2021 –

Motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021 as written: Richard Anthony
2nd: Shwan Javdan

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. **PTSO Report** – Julie Faure reported about PTSO activities for Teacher Appreciation Week. They distributed treats, gift cards and lunches for the entire week. The PTSO is working on getting volunteers lined up for the end of year barbecue. They are also planning a graduation party that will be held at SpyHop on June 3rd, the night after graduation. The PTSO feels that the return to school has gone well and teachers and students are doing well. Some AMES students were involved with the Cottonwood High School Musical, it was performed with masks and was very impressive.

3. **Sex Education Policy – 1st Reading** – The AMES Sex Education policy is based on the state model. We want to have a grievance committee in place to handle questions and problems. The AMES Board was instructed to review the policy and send questions and comments to Brett Wilson. We want to make sure that all the loops are closed when the policy is approved.

4. **Grade Replacement Policy – 1st Reading** – The Grade Replacement policy was approved previously. It will now be posted on the AMES website.

5. **Review of Data** – Brett Wilson presented some of the data from the Sharp's survey, a state survey sent out yearly with questions about drug use, teenage pregnancy and pornography. The survey which AMES doesn't participate in helps to track what is going on in Salt Lake County.

- 6. SLCC Contract for Concurrent Enrollment** – The contract for our students to participate in Salt Lake Community College concurrent enrollment has been signed and returned. Alison Flanders would like to contact the SLCC representative to make sure our students are in compliance with the concurrent enrollment policy.
- 7. Summer Credit Recovery Program** – AMES has approximately 96 students who are 400 credits behind. AMES will be sponsoring a credit recovery camp starting June 7. The school will be using the BYU credit recovery packets. If the students take the pre-test and score 80% they will receive .25 credits. If they don't pass they will need to the unit, take the test and pass with a 75% in order to receive the credit. We are hoping that all students will make up the credit that they are lacking. One of the worries is for students who aren't showing up for school now, will they show up during the summer to complete credit recovery. We are also looking at using incentives and prizes.

Fiscal

- 1. 2021 – 2022 Budget** – The AMES Budget must be finished by June 1 and approved by June 30. At our June board meeting we will finalize the 2020-2021 budget and approve the 2021-2022 budget. Included in the 2021-2022 budget will be and 11% increase in Health Insurance, a 3% cost of living increase with a 1.5% increase for steps. We don't anticipate an increase in Utah Retirement Systems costs. We have budgeted for fewer students, busing costs may change slightly. We will need to fill 2 full time positions and the signing bonus will be available. The budget will also allow for a 2% holiday bonus.

Board Organization

- 1. Diversity Training** – Shwan Javdan and Don Saxon attended the training on diversity. It addressed the disproportionality in race. They suggested policy ideas like replacing “One size fits all” discipline policy. Removing barriers and getting the support that is needed. Theme to remember: Equality-Equity-Justice. At AMES suspensions and behavioral referrals are tracked. AMES tailors resources to student needs.

Foundation

No Business

AMES Mission

- 1. Important Upcoming dates** – AMES Graduation will be held on June 2, 2021 at 4:00 in the Cottonwood High School Auditorium. We will limit each student with 6 tickets which will allow for social distancing.

Public Comment

Motion to adjourn: Shwan Javdan

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned – 6:27 p.m.

Next Meeting – June 9, 2021

Approval pending