

AMES Board of Trustees

June 11, 2020

Called to Order: 5:12 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Liliana Diaz

Julie Faure

Shwan Javdan

Liz Taylor

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

Excused:

Donald Saxon

Hema Katoa

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

Visitors:

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of March 12, 2020 –

Motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2020 as written: Richard Anthony

2nd: Shwan Javdan

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. PTSO Report – PTSO honored all teachers on the last day of school with a poem, a gift certificate to a nursery and a card with seeds thanking the teachers for helping the students “bloom”. The last few months have been tough on PTSO, parents and students, they wish they could do more to help.

3. URS Appointed & Elected Officials Policy – This policy states that AMES does not have elected officials and if this changes that they will not be eligible for Tier II URS participation. It also state that our superintendent (Brett Wilson) and Business Administrator (Richard Welch) are employees who participate in the URS Tier I and that future employees in those positions will be eligible to participate in the URS Tier II plan.

4. Exemption from URS Policy – This policy states that AMES follows the guidelines presented in Utah Code 49-13-203(5) and the exempting section of the URS Employer’s Guide. Currently AMES has no positions designated for “Exemption”.

Motion to approve the required URS Policies: Richard Anthony

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

5. **AMES Hiring Brochure** – Brett Wilson and the administration have come up with a hiring brochure which will tell about the history of AMES and highlight the many accomplishments of students & staff. Brett will distribute to the AMES Board when printed.
6. **End of Year Safe Schools Report** – Brett Wilson shared the report that is prepared and presented to the USBE at the end of each year. There were 8 students involved with Safe Schools violations, some were repeat offenders. No Special Education students were involved.

Fiscal

1. **2019-2020 Budget** – The final 2019-2020 budget was presented for final approval.
Motion to approve the 2019-2020 final budget as presented: Shwan Javdan
2nd: Richard Anthony
Vote: Unanimously approved
2. **2020-2021 Budget – 2nd Reading** – The working budget for the 2020-2021 school year was presented for approval. There was a question about December bonuses that will be discussed at a later time.
Motion to approve the 2020-2021 working budget as presented: Richard Anthony
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously approved
3. **Budget Cuts – CTE Add-on Funds** – There will be a special session of the Legislature to determine cuts in the state budget. There may be cuts to CTE add-on funds which could mean a major cut for us. Charter schools depend on the funding for their CTE programs. AMES is in good shape with technology with the Digital Teaching & Learning Grant and the Land Trust money. AMES has a good fund balance and is in good shape fiscally.

Board Organization

1. **Board Chair** – After a long discussion, with no decision. Members asked to table the decision to think about this change.
Motion to table this decision until the next board meeting: Liz Taylor
2nd: Lisa Taylor-Swanson
Vote: Unanimously approved
2. **New AMES Board Members** – Alison Flanders will be taking the place of Liz Taylor both as our U of U liaison and on the AMES Board. Liliana Diaz was introduced to the AMES Board, she is an AMES Alumni as well as a graduate of the University of Utah.
Motion to approve Alison Flanders & Liliana Diaz as new AMES Board members:
Liz Taylor
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously Approved

Foundation

1. **No Business**

AMES Mission

1. **New Hires** – Mr. Wilson and his staff have been interviewing several candidates to fill the vacancy for 10th Grade Language Arts. Cheryl Henry came out as their top candidate.

Motion to approve the hire of Cheryl Henry: Lisa Taylor-Swanson

2nd: Liz Taylor

Vote: Unanimously approved

The AMES Board discussed having another meeting closer to the beginning of school. They would like to see what the state of the city/county/state is at that time and try to make plans for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. No date was set, the meeting will take place during the last week of July.

The September meeting has been moved to Wednesday September 9, 2020 due to conflicts in member schedules.

Brett Wilson thanked all AMES Board Members, but gave special recognition to Liz Taylor for her many years of service with the University of Utah and with the AMES Board of Trustees. AMES appreciates all of her hard work on our behalf.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Next Meeting – July, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

Approval pending