

AMES Board of Trustees

November 20, 2019

Called to Order: 5:18 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Julie Faure

Donald Saxon

Liz Taylor

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Nancy Carpenter

Visitors:

Amy Noyce

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of October 10, 2019 –

Motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019 as written: Lisa Taylor-Swanson

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: 3 to 1 to approve minutes.

2. PTISO Report – Lisa Taylor-Swanson reported that the PTISO has been having moderately attended meetings. The activity before the fall dance was a success, they had a lot of parent volunteers. The PTISO invited parents to a dinner in order to do some planning and get feedback about AMES. It wasn't well attended but the feedback received was positive in regards to AMES and school activities.

3. Grievance Policy – 3rd Reading – The AMES Board suggested changes to this this policy that have been added to the policy.

Motion to approve the AMES Grievance Policy: Don Saxon

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

4. Student Travel Policy – 3rd Reading - The AMES Board added that there should be 2 chaperones for every 10 students but would like to see more chaperones if possible.

Motion to approve the Student Travel Policy: Don Saxon

2nd: Lisa Taylor Swanson

Vote: Unanimously approved

5. Concealed Weapon Policy – 2nd Reading – This policy has been rewritten to be closer to Granite School District's policy.

Motion to approve the Concealed Weapon Policy: Don Saxon

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

- 6. Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement** – The AMES Board was given a copy of The Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement. This agreement spells out the advantages and disadvantages of Technology use for AMES students.
- 7. ACT & Aspire ACT Results** – Hema Katoa presented data to the AMES Board from the Spring 2019 testing. It was the first year of the Aspire test and AMES students did very well compared to the state average. On the ACT test AMES students also scored higher than the state average on all tests.
- 8. Continuing Support of Drivers Education** – AMES is questioning whether or not to continue supporting students who take Drivers Education at Cottonwood. When we take a look at being able to take the class online or through another entity, it could save AMES quite a bit of money. Brett will do more research for the January Board Meeting.

Fiscal

- 1. Compensation for Teachers Who Don't Take Insurance** – Brett Wilson has been approached about this subject. The local districts don't compensate, Brett will check with other charter schools to find out their process.

Board Organization

- 1. New Board Member** – The AMES Board was given 3 applications to consider as new members. There was no motion on the application for Anna Kramer.
Motion to approve Tanya Vickers as a new board member: Don Saxon
2nd: No second – no approval
Motion to approve Shwan Javdan as a new board member: Liz Taylor
2nd: Lisa Taylor Swanson
Vote: Unanimously approved

Foundation – No Business

AMES Mission

- 1. Title I Status** – AMES has been granted a waiver so we will be able to retain our School wide Title I status. We would like to try to continue to recruit out targeted population so that we will be able to continue on with the School wide status.
- 2. Important upcoming dates** – The AMES Board was given a list of important dates.

Public Comment – Amy Noyce, AMES Language Arts teacher thanked the AMES Board for letting her attend and she appreciates the board working toward the diversity that has always been important to AMES teachers.

Motion to move in to closed session: Lisa Taylor-Swanson
2nd: Richard Anthony
Vote: Unanimously Approved
Closed session called at 6:46 p.m.

Next Meeting – January 9, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.
Approval pending