

AMES Board of Trustees

April 13, 2022 – Via Zoom

Called to Order: 5:10 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Liliana Diaz

Julie Faure

Alison Flanders

Shwan Javdan

Donald Saxon

Excused:

Hema Katoa

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

Visitors:

Marie Steffensen

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of March 9, 2022 –

Motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022 as presented: Julie Faure

2nd: Richard Anthony

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. Applied Independent Music – The AMES Board was given a synopsis of this program that was introduced in the March meeting. This is a music program on Canvas with students being able to get fine arts credit for private music lessons, practice and performances. There will be a rubric provided so students can receive a grade or a pass.

Motion to approve the use of the Applied Independent Music program: Julie Faure

2nd: Alison Flanders

Vote: Unanimously approved

PTSO Report – Julie Faure gave us a quick update on the PTSO meeting that was held on April 12. PTSO provided breakfast for the ACT during the last week of March. They will also help with breakfast on April 22 when the 9th and 10th graders will be taking the Aspire tests. PTSO is also looking to help with snack for the AP tests in May. With Prom on April 23, they will be helping with parents to help chaperone. Jenica Barber is planning the senior graduation party on May 26 and the PTSO will help with the barbecue on May 27. Next meeting 5/5/22.

3. ESEA Date – Brett Wilson presented the AMES Board with the data that the AMES team presented at the ESEA Conference in February. Coming Out of the Pandemic and Re-establishing Rigor was the theme. They did a 3 year comparison, the at

risk student gap increased. AP, ACT & U of U class achievement did not change.

- 4. AMES Bylaws and SCSB Charter Agreement** – AMES has updated our By-laws over the years to reflect changes, but we have not updated our charter. Marie Steffensen from the Utah State Charter School Board presented the AMES Board with 2 options to update the Charter.

Option 1: AMES could amend out original Charter application. This would entail going through the original piece by piece, make changes where needed and clean up every item. We would then present the application to the Authorizing Committee for review they will then pass it on to the SCSB for approval. This can be a long process with difficulty keeping track of changes.

Option 2: This Option is called “Exhibit A”. This option will simplify the process for schools to stay in compliance with their charter. It will be passed with consent without a presentation to the SCSB. The original charter can be used as a historical document but Exhibit A will be the legal document. The school and SCSB will work together on Exhibit A.

Some of the information needed for Exhibit A is the name of the school, location, the year the school opened, the grades served and the maximum enrollment. Enrollment preferences, structure of governing board (number of members, appointment process, board terms) and meeting frequency. Other items include administrative rule waivers, school specific standards, state accountability, student engagement and financial & governance measures.

Marie said she would be happy to start the draft with Brett’s help. The process timeline will be up to the school, it can be done in 2 months or take longer if needed. It will be a collaborative effort. Brett Wilson will help Marie with the key elements Of Exhibit A.

- 5. U of U Chemistry Teacher** – AMES has a University of Utah Chemistry teacher pending his contract agreement with the U. The Chemistry lab that goes along with the class will be held at 5:15 on Wednesdays on the U campus. This class will meet state requirements. Alison Flanders will work with us to let us know when everything is ready to go.
- 6. AMES Staff Openings** – AMES will have a Math teacher opening for the 2022-23 school year, our Math I teacher is relocating to Wisconsin. We also have a Physics/Astronomy opening and we are creating a Robotics/Engineering teaching position. This position will help with the Robotics team and eventually take over when Doug Hendricks retires. We are getting applications from teachers that are working on licensure through the APPEL program through Granite School District, we are checking to see how we can work with the program to finish licensure.

Fiscal

- 1. March Fiscals** - Richard Welch discussed the balance sheet with the AMES Board, He pointed out that we had several large bills that came due, one for the Winter Semester from the U and also 3 months worth of bills from Granite.

Motion to approve the March Fiscal report as presented: Richard Anthony

2nd: Donald Saxon

Vote: Unanimously approved

Board Organization

1. **Potential New Board Member** – The AMES Board received 3 resumes from parents interested in serving on the AMES Board. In reviewing the resumes, the Board felt like they would like to meet and interview the candidates.

Motion to select Michael Davidson as the new member: Donald Saxon

2nd: No second, motion failed

In further discussion, the Board decided to invite the men to the May meeting to get to know them. They will be given 3 questions in advance of the meeting in order to prepare their answers.

Motion to table the decision until June: Richard Anthony

2nd: Liliana Diaz

Vote: 5 Yea, 1 Nay – Motion carries

Foundation

1. **Foundation Update** – The Foundation Board had a meeting with Richard Welch. They will establish a corporate account with all contributions for PTSO and the Foundation going in to that account at Cyprus Credit Union. Jenica Barber is working on a Paypal account and a tab on the AMES website for ease of contributing to both PTSO and the AMES Foundation. Don Saxon is working with Big Smiles, there has been some confusion and he will look in to the next step.

AMES Mission

No Business

Potential Next Meeting Topics:

Policies

Board Member applicant interviews

Granite School District Charter with AMES

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Motion to move into closed session: Donald Saxon

2nd: Richard Anthony

Vote: Unanimously approved – 6:57 p.m.

Motion to return to open meeting: Liliana Diaz

2nd: Richard Anthony

Vote: Unanimously approved – 7:08 p.m.

Motion to close meeting: Alison Flanders

2nd: Richard Anthony

Vote: Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned – 7:09 p.m.

Next Meeting – May 11, 2022

Approval pending