

AMES Board of Trustees

October 13, 2021

Called to Order: 5:01 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Julie Faure

Alison Flanders

Shwan Javdan

Don Saxon

Excused:

Liliana Diaz

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Richard Welch (Electronically)

Nancy Carpenter

Visitors:

Educational Excellence

In the interest of time items #3 and #7 will be moved to the end of the Education Excellence Section of the meeting.

Motion to move these items to the end of the discussion: Richard Anthony

2nd: Alison Flanders

Vote: Motion approved

1. Minutes of September 8, 2021 –

Motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2021 as presented: Richard Anthony

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. PTSSO Report – Julie Faure reported on the meeting that was held on October 7.

They didn't have a large turnout, but they did make plans to have an activity before the AMES Dance on November 5th. Brett Wilson attended the meeting and informed parents about problems that are happening at the gas station and restaurant on the corner. He wants parents to speak with their students so that they can avoid the area. Mr. Wilson also gave the PTSSO an update on how COVID is affecting AMES.

The PTSSO helped with breakfast for the PSAT test and will help provide food to the Saturday morning College Application day and the FAFSA Information night.

4. Special Education Handbook – The AMES Board received a copy of the corrected Special Education Handbook, the corrections were the result of the Special Education Audit the AMES went through last year. The changes have been approved by the Utah State Special Education Department. The Board would like more time to review the edited handbook.

Motion to table approval until the November Board meeting: Alison Flanders

2nd: Donald Saxon

Vote: Unanimously approved

5. **Special Education Audit Results** – The AMES Staff received 2 trainings from the Utah State Board of Education as a result of the audit. They also wanted each teacher to have one on one training with the Special Education director. Brett Wilson sent a letter to the State asking them to drop this requirement because of the other trainings, the State agreed. AMES will need to do case studies of 1 student per grade to complete the requirements from the audit. AMES is still looking for a school psychologist to help with some of the anxiety related issues.
6. **Curriculum Review Committee** – AMES needs to have a Curriculum Review Committee to review and recommend curriculum. At the present time we have 2 teachers and 1 parent on the committee, we need to add 2 more parents, Mr. Wilson will reach out to parents to have the committee ready by January.
Motion to approve the Curriculum Review Committee with the addition of 2 parents before the January 12 AMES Board Meeting: Alison Flanders
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously approved.
8. **TSSA 2021-2022** - Brett Wilson presented the Teacher and Student Success Framework to the AMES Board. The funds from this plan work to pay new teachers signing bonus along with the mid-year teacher bonus. The total is \$80,000.00 +
Motion to approve the TSSA Framework: Richard Anthony
2nd: Donald Saxon
Vote: Unanimously approved
9. **Trustlands Committee** – The AMES Trustlands Committee will start meeting as soon as teachers start submitting requests. We lost a few parent to graduation last year, we had one other parent express interest in being on the committee. The AME Board decided that this isn't a decision item.
7. **Title I Status** – This year we were able to get the names of students from Granite School District that were approved for Free/Reduced lunch. This doubled our rate for Economically Disadvantaged students, which is now at 32%. The AMES Board received a copy of the AMES Student Parent Teacher Compact which is reviewed yearly, along with a sample of newsletters used for parent outreach. AMES is also trying some target advertising on North and West sides of the Salt Lake Valley. We will advertise on grocery carts in the targeted areas. Alison Flanders also mentioned that we do have a diversity committee that would like to work on reaching our targeted communities.
3. **Granite School District MOU** – AMES has had a couple of issues come up since the last Board meeting when Carol Lear discussed the Granite School District MOU. AMES has a student with a service dog request, they went through GSD and she was approved, we also need to clarify who will fix infrastructure. Carol will work on adding these items to the MOU.

Fiscal

1. **September Fiscals** - Richard Welch explained to the Board that the operating fund looks like our funds are lower this year. He moved money into the Public Treasurer's Investment Fund so it can earn some interest.
Motion to approve the September balance sheet: Julie Faure

2nd: Alison Flanders

Vote: Unanimously approved

Board Organization

1. **Board Training** – Shwan Javdan informed the AMES Board that there are several trainings available to Board Members on YouTube. The MOU training in the September Board meeting will count as one of the 3 required trainings for the year. Brett Wilson attended a training on October 12 that was very useful and will be available on the USBE website soon. The Board will report to Nancy Carpenter when they attend a training so she can keep track and make sure they have met the required attendance.

Foundation

1. The AMES Foundation lost a member when Lisa Taylor-Swanson's term expired. Julie Faure volunteered to fill the position.
Motion to approve the appointment of Julie Faure to the AMES Foundation Board:
Donald Saxon
2nd: Alison Flanders
Vote: Unanimously approved

AMES Mission

1. **Site Specific License** – Elarie McGarvey is teaching Commercial Art for AMES, this class has a CTE component that Elarie isn't qualified for but she has 3 year to earn the qualification. This license is for 1 year only and can be renewed again until the 3 years are up.
Motion to approve the Site Specific License for Elarie McGarvey: Alison Flanders
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously approved
2. **Calendar** – The AMES Board was given a list of upcoming activities. Alison Flanders asked to add one more date. October 22 is the withdrawal deadline for University of Utah classes.

Public Comment

No public comment

Motion to adjourn meeting: Donald Saxon

2nd: Alison Flanders

Vote: Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned – 6:37 p.m.

Next Meeting – November 10, 2021

Approval pending