

# AMES Board of Trustees

April 14, 2021

Called to Order: 5:00 p.m.

## Attendees:

### Board:

Richard Anthony

Liliana Diaz

Julie Faure

Shwan Javdan

Don Saxon

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

### Excused:

Alison Flanders

### Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

## Educational Excellence

### 1. Minutes of March 10, 2021 –

**Motion** to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021 as written: Shwan Javdan  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Julie Faure

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

- ### 2. PTSO Report –
- The AMES PTSO had a virtual meeting on 4/8/2021. Julie Faure voiced the appreciation for all of the parents that have helped this year. They are helping provide breakfast and snacks for Aspire testing on April 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. They have a chairman and 5 parents on a scholarship committee, they are waiting for entries to determine the winner. Jenica Barber has volunteered to head up the Graduation party and PTSO is looking forward to helping with the end of year Barbecue and Teacher Appreciation Week. Their last meeting of the year will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> and they would like to reach out to the parents of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to get them involved, they will also work on an FAQ report to help incoming parents with questions about AMES.
- ### 3. Student Recognition – State Sterling Scholar –
- Jude Horsley, AMES Senior and one of the few charter school students to advance in the Sterling Scholar competition is the winner in the Mathematics category.
- ### 4. AMES In Person Opening –
- AMES reopened to in person learning on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the first day of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. We still have 157 (approx. one third) who opted to stay online. There are about 12-14 students in each class. Teachers are using wireless microphone and smartboard to help the online students. Students are very excited to be back in the school. AMES is doing Aspire testing on Fridays so students don't miss any more class time.

5. **AMES Student Achievement & Help Plans** – As we look at student grades over the past year, we realize that we have work to do to help with credit recovery and students who want to work on leveling up in Math or Science. We are working with 4 of our core subject teachers who will be working over the summer with students to help them with credit recovery and preparing the students for honors and University of Utah classes. In addition we have hired aides in Special Education classes and placed peer tutors in math classes. The University of Utah will also allow high school students to take their HSUP classes at on \$5.00 per credit hour instead of the normal tuition, they will have a variety of classes to choose from.
6. **ESSER Grant** – AMES received 90% of the \$174,000 that they applied for in this grant. This will fund teacher aides & peer tutors. After school busing and tutors along with online tutors for Friday and Saturday. These funds are used for meeting student needs & support for next year. There may be another ESSER 3 grant next year to benefit and help student success. We are also currently working on a Digital Teaching & Learning grant that we hope to provide laptops or iPads for students to take home and other technology needs.

## **Fiscal**

1. **February/March Fiscals** – Richard Welch presented the fiscal report. He explained that we would end the year with a net income due to Mr. Wilson’s judicious spending and the COVID grants that were also spent well. AMES had money from a CTE grant and some funding that was originally cut by the legislature put back in at the end of the Spring session. AMES spends about \$300–350 thousand per month, we are about \$394,200 ahead on our spending.  
**Motion** to approve the fiscal report as presented: Donald Saxon  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**: Shwan Javdan  
**Vote**: Unanimously approved

## **Board Organization**

No Business

## **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 can limit each student with 6 tickets which will allow for social distancing.

## **Public Comment**

**Motion** to adjourn: Donald Saxon

**2<sup>nd</sup>**: Liliana Diaz

**Vote**: Unanimously approved

**Meeting adjourned – 5:39 p.m.**

**Next Meeting – May 12, 2021**

*Approval pending*