

AMES Board of Trustees

November 8, 2017

Called to Order: 5:18 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Melanie Brock

Abby Nelson

Gonzalo Palza

Don Saxon

Liz Taylor

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Nancy Carpenter

Richard Welch

Visitors:

Dr. Marissa Diener

Terry Palmer

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of September 13, 2017 –

Motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2017 as written: Liz Taylor

2nd: Richard Anthony

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. **PTSO Report** – Melanie Brock reported that the PTSO will be sponsoring several recruitment meetings in various libraries around the west side of the city. They will be sponsoring an activity after school on the 10th before the dance. They are trying to fill the PTSO Board for next year for an easier transition.
3. **PTSO Fundraising Forms** – The AMES PTSO is sending out a letter to all parents asking for donations to the school in general or for specific activities.
4. **Parent Compact/Title I Status** – The Parent/Student Compact form is on the AMES website, this is a form required by Title I that we send out to all parents at the beginning of the year for them to go over with their students, sign and return. We will have a parent meeting later in the year to let parents know of their options for help connected with ELL and Title I services.
5. **UCA Report** – The UCA application is finished. This will provide our Title I, II & III funding along with our IDEA funding. The application will be posted on the website since it has been approved.
6. **Credit Waiver** – STEM schools are asking for a waiver to be able to use ½ P.E. credit and ½ art credit in exchange for 1 STEM credit. There is a hearing on November 9th @ 10:15 with a USBE sub-committee, if approved it will go on to the Utah State Board of Education for approval.

7. **Fee Waiver Policy – 1st Reading** – Brett presented the AMES Board with a policy relating to how we handle fee waivers. Brett asked the Board to review the policy for approval.

Fiscal

1. **September/October Fiscals** – Richard Welch presented the September/October Fiscal report to the AMES Board. We are right on track as far as the budget goes. AMES was also approved for the 2nd year of the Digital Learning Grant.

Motion to approve the September/October fiscals: Don Saxon

2nd: Melanie Brock

Vote: Unanimously approved

Board Organization – No Business

Foundation

1. **Foundation Update** – The Foundation Board (Don Saxon, Liz Taylor & Gonzalo Palza) met and looked at the possibility of becoming part of Granite School District. The board decided that this would not be the best for AMES as we might not be able to maintain our autonomy and retain our own policies. The foundation would like to help with needed student funds.

AMES Mission

1. **Recruitment** – This was covered in the PTSO report with the recruitment meetings set up by the PTSO.

Public Comment

Terry Palmer an AMES parent who also had students go to Cottonwood High School talked to the AMES Board about AMES becoming part of Granite School District. Terry was part of the Cottonwood High School Community Council when parents were trying to get AMES out of the building. She sees the benefit of AMES and Cottonwood being together and being part of the Granite School District in terms of marketing, she thinks there would be more school pride and ownership.

Motion to adjourn to closed session: Gonzalo Palza

2nd: Melanie Brock

Meeting adjourned to a closed session at 6:10 p.m.

Next Meeting – January 10, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved – January 10, 2018