

AMES Board of Trustees

January 9, 2019

Called to Order: 5:16 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Melanie Brock

Don Saxon

Liz Taylor

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Nancy Carpenter

Richard Welch

Excused:

Gonzalo Palza

Visitors:

Gary Bigelow

Amy Noyce

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of November 13, 2018 –

Motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018 as written: Melanie Brock
2nd: Lisa Taylor-Swanson

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. PTSO Report –

Melanie Brock reported on the PTSO meeting held earlier in the afternoon. They were working on getting volunteers to staff the PTSO next year. They are getting things lined up for the pre-dance activity of February 1st, for dinner the 2 nights of Parent/Teacher conference and breakfast for the juniors on February 20th when they will take the Act. They have also scheduled the Open Mic Night for April 5th. The senior graduation party will be held on May 23rd at Chase Mill with the casino games.

3. Trustlands Requests 2019-2020 -

The AMES Board was presented with a list of goals and requests for Trustlands funding. Goals included Information Technology opportunities for students, continue building high quality math and reading opportunities for students, improve overall performance in non-SAGE areas and to decrease the achievements gap in Physics and Chemistry. In all projects the total requested by the teachers was \$23,000. The total funded by Trustlands was \$58,263.

Motion to approve all requests: Melanie Brock

2nd: Liz Taylor

Vote: Unanimously approved

- 4. Update on Accreditation** – AMES Accreditation review will be held on March 4th & 5th, we will need board member in attendance for the review. AMES has been working to be prepared, we have a committee that has helped gather goals from staff and is getting the data ready to present to the Accreditation Committee.
- 5. Data Presentation** – Brett Wilson showed the AMES Board statistics that are being included in the accreditation report, including 11th grade internships, AMES graduation rate, our concurrent enrollment report and stats on our economically disadvantaged students.

Fiscal

- 1. November/December Fiscals** – Richard Welch presented the fiscal report, right now we are showing a net loss due to the signing and retention bonuses. Richard went through the details with the AMES board to show how the federal and state funding that hasn't been applied for affects the financial report
Motion to approve the November/December fiscal report: Richard Anthony
2nd: Lisa Taylor-Swanson
Vote: Unanimously approved
- 2. AFLAC – Voluntary Services** – AMES has been approached in the past about supplemental insurance, Greg Brockman a former AMES parent reached out to us with some options that the employees might have interest in. In discussing this option with Richard Welch, Brett Wilson felt like it could help teacher retention if AMES offered to pay a portion of the cost. Aflac is offering the following: Accident, Cancer, Short term disability, Dental, Hospital, and Critical Illness. AMES would like to help by paying \$25.00 a month to help cover the cost of the employee's choice of coverage.
Motion to approve a \$25.00 per month for employees who wish to participate in the Aflac coverage: Don Saxon
2nd: Melanie Brock
Vote: Unanimously approved
- 3. 2017-2018 Audit Results** – Richard Welch went over the Audit report provided by Gilbert & Stewart CPAs. He showed how it lined up with the financial report and also explained about assets and how we need to have a certain fund balance in order to be in compliance with the state. The Utah Retirement Systems requires us to maintain a balance of \$1,180,635.

Board Organization

- 1. Board Training Video** – This item was tabled due to time constraints.

Foundation

AMES Mission

- 1. Upcoming Events** – The AMES Board was provided with dates of upcoming events.

Public Comment

Amy Noyce, a teacher at AMES was pleased with the Board deciding to send letters to students in the Salt Lake Valley, she is also in favor of a weighted lotter system to help underserved students.

Gary Bigelow, AMES teacher, mentioned that if the teachers were given the choice of the Aflac supplement and a bonus, Aflac might not have been their pick, he said the bonus really helps retention. Gary also said that AMES needs to make events convenient for parents who work. He mentioned Freshman House and how parents were waiting for over an hour for their students to finish for the parent barbecue, it would be better if it were in the evening.

Motion to move into closed session: Richard Anthony
2nd: Don Saxon

6:31 p.m. - Meeting adjourned to closed session.

Next Meeting – March 13, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.

Approval Pending