

# AMES Board of Trustees

September 12, 2018

Called to Order: 5:23 p.m.

## Attendees:

### Board:

Melanie Brock

Don Saxon

Liz Taylor

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

### Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Nancy Carpenter

Richard Welch

### Excused:

Richard Anthony

Gonzalo Palza

### Visitors:

Gary Bigelow

Amy Noyce

## Educational Excellence

### 1. Minutes of June 13, 2018 –

**Motion** to approve the minutes of June 13, 2018 as written: Melanie Brock

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Don Saxon

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

### 2. **PTSO Report** – Melanie Brock reported that the PTSO meeting earlier in the afternoon had a great turn out. Melanie introduced Lisa Taylor-Swanson as the new president-elect for PTSO, she will also be a member of the AMES Board. The PTSO discussed a “No Fuss” fundraiser, they would like to contribute more to AMES along with passing out one more scholarship to an AMES Senior. They will be providing dinner for the teachers both nights of Parent/Teacher Conference.

### 3. **UCN Presentation** – The presenter from UCN did not show up to the meeting. Brett Wilson received an award for Charter School Administrator of the Year from the Utah Charter Network. He was selected for his Outstanding Administrative Leadership in Charter School Education.

### 4. **Safety/Evacuation Update** – AMES does not have a concrete exit and reunification plan if the school were to be evacuated in an emergency. We have organized our teachers for drills so they know where to go, we are also supposed to be able to enter the baseball facility in the south parking lot but have not been given a key to the gate or the building yet. We are looking at working with Woodstock or an LDS church to see if we can find a secure location. We would like to organize a safety committee with parents, teachers and administrators involved.

5. **Construction Update** – The walls in the South and West pods are up and painted, we will need Granite School District compliance to meet with the contractor to get the electrical approved and installed.
6. **Definition for the Enhancement of At Risk Students** – AMES would like the Board’s approval to expand the definition of at risk students to include below proficient students, students not on track for graduation and trending off track for graduation.  
**Motion** to approve the expanded definition: Melanie Brock  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**: Liz Taylor  
**Vote:** Unanimously Approved
7. **Swimming Certification** – Don Saxon proposed have a requirement to pass a swim test in order to graduate from AMES. The US Swimming Foundation provides grants for programs like this, Don is checking in to the requirements, the application is due in November with the decision coming in March. Brett Wilson will look in to the costs of renting the pool area along with personnel and insurance costs. Liz Taylor stated that she would be against this. Brett Wilson doesn’t feel like swimming need to be a priority and he is not in favor of it being a graduation requirement.
8. **Lottery Discussion** – The AMES Board was given a graph with the changes in demographics since 2005. Melanie Brock would like to make sure that we reach all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students across the valley, she would like to buy the addresses and has estimated that it could cost \$750 which the foundation has agreed to fund. Don Saxon would like to discuss this further in our November meeting. Brett Wilson voiced his concern about our relationship with Granite School District and how fragile the relationship could be. AMES Board members will meet with Granite School District on their own, they will check with Rick Anthony to help facilitate these meetings.

## **Fiscal**

1. **End of Year Fiscals** – Richard Welch presented the end of the year report along with the fiscals through August. 2017-2018 was a good year, we ended with a surplus. The federal funding was lower, but it was planned for.  
**Motion** to approve the 2017-2018 final fiscal report: Melanie Brock  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**: Don Saxon  
**Vote:** Unanimously approved

## **Board Organization**

1. **New AMES Board Members** – The following board member was presented to represent the AMES PTSO on the AMES Board  
Lisa Taylor-Swanson – AMES PTSO  
**Motion** to approve the new board members as presented: Melanie Brock  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**: Don Saxon  
**Vote:** Unanimously approved
2. **Board Member Background Checks** – We need copies of all board members background checks. We are out of compliance with USBE. Brett Wilson will check with Rick Anthony to see if we can use Granite School District facilities.
3. **Board Training** – Tabled, we will check with UAPCS for training.

## **Foundation – No Business**

### **AMES Mission**

1. **Personnel** – AMES has hired a new Chemistry teacher, Counselor & Math Teacher. The AMES Board was given resumes for each.  
**Motion** to approve the hire of Casey Miller, Wendy Phillips & Cameo Lutz:  
Melanie Brock  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**: Lisa Taylor-Swanson  
**Vote:** Unanimously Approved
2. **Parent/Teacher Conference** – All members of the AMES Board are invited to be present for conferences on September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30.
3. **Upcoming Events for 2018-2019** – The following items are areas of review for the 2018-2019 school year:
  - a. Accreditation
  - b. Comprehensive Guidance Audit (Upcoming 2019-2020)

### **Public Comment**

Gary Bigelow, Language Arts teacher at AMES thanked the AMES Board for the Retention Bonus that was added to the August pay check. Gary also commented that he appreciated the opening session with the teachers this year and the team building experience that was offered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**Next Meeting – November 14, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.**

*Approval Pending*