

AMES Board of Trustees

June 13, 2018

Called to Order: 5:08 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Melanie Brock

Gonzalo Palza

Liz Taylor

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

Excused:

Abby Nelson

Don Saxon

Visitors:

Bianca Arita

Kari Gardner

Gary Bigelow

Anthony Giorgio

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of May 9, 2018 –

Motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2018 as written: Richard Anthony

2nd: Liz Taylor

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. PTSO Report –

Melanie Brock reported that the PTSO is looking for new parents to get involved, she is meeting with 2 parents this week to see if one of them would take on leadership in PTSO for the upcoming 2 years.

Melanie also told Brett that she would like to help get parents in to work on some of the summer projects that AMES will be working on.

3. AMES Counselor Presentation –

Kari Gardner went over how seniors responded to an end of year survey in which they were asked specifically about the help they got from the counselors. 97% of AMES seniors felt that they received support from the counselors when it came to applying for college. 51% attended one of AMES college application days, 59% said they felt like they got good support when it came to filling out a FAFSA form. While only 6% attended the FAFSA workshop, 72% of the seniors completed their FAFSA form. We also had 72% say that they had the counselors support with scholarship applications. Kari mentioned that she would like to help more students find and receive scholarships, not just the highest students but all of our students.

4. **SLCC Student Presentation** – Bianca Arita is an AMES Graduate from the Class of 2012. Bianca is a marketing student at Salt Lake Community College who has come up with some marketing strategies for AMES. She has produced a video with interview with AMES students for a Public Service Announcement along with a 30 second TV ad and radio ad. AMES will use the video at the information meetings.
5. **TSA Team Travel** – Brett Wilson informed the AMES Board that the AMES TSA (Technology Student Association) will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia for their national competition. Mr. Vaughn Webster will travel with the 3 students for the 6 day competition.
6. **Space Issues** – 2 years ago AMES paid for a portable classroom in order to get a classroom that was needed for an AMES teacher. AMES is expanding the Arabic and Russian classes and will need more room for another teacher. We have approached Cottonwood about paying for another portable in order to have room for this teacher, or we may have to have a traveling teacher.
We are also dealing with privacy act issues, the office is not as secure as it should be, We have discussed ideas with Granite School District but they don't have time to work with us this year, we are exploring all options.
7. **Swim Test** – Don Saxon mentioned that he thought that all AMES seniors should have to pass a swim test to graduate. After discussion, the board decided that with liability and fiscal issues, this was not a feasible idea. While they agree that it is a good idea to know how to swim, it will not be a graduation requirement at AMES.

Fiscal

1. **May Fiscals** – Richard Welch reported to the AMES Board that we are doing very well fiscally, we show an excess due to summer expenses. Payroll that is paid all summer to teachers shows as a lump sum in June.
Motion to approve the May fiscals: Liz Taylor
2nd: Gonzalo Palza
Vote: Unanimously approved
2. **2017-2018 Budget – Final Approval** – Richard Welch presented the final 2017-2018 budget which was amended to project a \$155,000 surplus.
Motion to approve the 2017-2018 Final Budget: Gonzalo Palza
2nd: Liz Taylor
Vote: Unanimously approved
3. **2018-2019 Working Budget - Approval** – Richard Welch noted that the 2018-2019 working budget was conservative but he projects about the same outcome.
Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Working Budget: Melanie Brock
2nd: Richard Anthony
Vote: Unanimously approved
4. **Summer Expenses** – AMES currently looking for bids to replace 2 accordion doors in the South and West pods, we are looking to have the bid in by the end of June to have the work done by the time school starts. We are getting a new sink in the art room and new carpet in the west pod and 2 rooms in that pod. We are also getting a new server, switches and hubs for computers along with 5 more smart boards for teachers that have not had them.

Board Organization –

1. **Board Retreat** – Liz Taylor and Melanie Brock will work together with the other Board members to come up with a date in July to have the board retreat. They will work on updating the Board bylaws, mission statement, and the direction the AMES Board would like to go.

Foundation - No Business

AMES Mission

1. **AMES 2018-2019 Calendar** – The AMES Board was given a calendar that will be distributed to all AMES parents and students with important dates for the school next school year.
2. **Addresses for 8th Grade Students/Gramma Request** – Melanie Brock is looking for ways to send information about AMES to 8th graders in Granite School District who may not know about the school but could benefit from a school like AMES. A gramma request would most likely be turned down by Granite District so she is researching companies that will get the addresses. There could be a cost of up to \$700.00 for such a service. She will report more when she has details.
3. **Hiring Update** – AMES is still looking for a Math Teacher to replace Joel Miller and a counselor to replace Denece Taylor-Begay.

Public Comment

Gary Bigelow and Anthony Giorgio gave public comments.

Motion to adjourn: Melanie Brock

2nd: Liz Taylor

Next Meeting – September 12, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.

Pending Approval