

AMES Board of Trustees

March 13, 2019

Called to Order: 5:06 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Melanie Brock

Don Saxon

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Nancy Carpenter

Richard Welch

Excused:

Gonzalo Palza

Liz Taylor

Visitors:

Erin Floresca

Tren Hirschi

Malachi White

Gary Bigelow

Amy Noyce

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of January 9, 2019 –

Motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2019 as written: Melanie Brock
2nd: Richard Anthony

Vote: Unanimously approved

- ### 2. PTSO Report –
- Melanie Brock reported on the PTSO meeting held earlier in the afternoon. They discussed the PTSO Scholarship given annually to an AMES senior. They are distributing the application to interested students. The PTSO is also looking for donations for the opportunity drawing for Open Mic Night on April 5th. They suggested donating unused gift cards, the opportunity drawing raise funds for the AMES graduation party. They encouraged parents to support the AMES Showcase on April 18th, Teacher Appreciation Week May 5th – 10th and help with the end of year barbecue. They are working on getting a full board for next year to help keep the PTSO going strong. Richard Welch asked about the PTSO funds, he was informed that the funds are at Cyprus Credit Union, the checks require 2 signatures, Nancy Carpenter is a signer and they do present the financials at every meeting.

3. Student Recognition –

Brett Wilson introduced 3 AMES seniors to the Board.

Tren Hirschi is a Sterling Scholar finalist in the Computer Science category. He is

also very involved with the AMES Robotics team, helping with the 3D Design and cad. He has appreciated all of his robotics team experience with leadership and his U of U classes. He will be going to the U in the fall.

Erin Floresca is a Sterling Scholar finalist in the Math category. She came to AMES in her sophomore year and enjoys the diversity of the school. She wants to be an Aerospace Engineer so she is also involved with the Robotics team. Erin is also an accomplished violin player and is involved with the Utah Youth Philharmonic. She feels like AMES has helped her to become more open and outgoing and she has learned how to handle rigor and socialize. She is undecided as to what college she will be attending in the fall, Georgia Tech, Olin College and the U are all interests.

Malachi White is an AMES student who has shown great growth. He informed the Board that he didn't want to be here in 9th grade, he was shy and struggled with the new environment and people. Sophomore year was his worst year but he realized as he started his Junior year that he could do better. He started to take school more seriously and had his best year. Next year he will attend Salt Lake Community College to complete his general requirement then he would like to transfer to either The U or Westminster where he would like to study medicine.

4. **Accreditation Review** – AMES Accreditation review was held on March 4th & 5th. The committee consisted of four educators. They conducted parent, student and staff focus groups, Board interviews as well as classroom observations. The team was very impressed with the school as a whole, they mentioned that they saw happy students, a diverse population working together in the classroom engaged in learning. They felt like we could improve by using data to improve differentiation and if teachers could find and explore better use for digital learning. The team also would like to see PLCs formalized and improved.
5. **Graduation Endangered Seniors** – Hema Katoa presented the AMES Board with information on the 2019 senior class. We started the year with 119 seniors, one left for Valley High School and one transferred to Murray High. 25% of our seniors still need to complete their P.E. credit, 14% need to finish their internship, 13% need Health and 17% need to finish credit recovery. AMES will accept credit recovery from BYU Credit Recovery, Northridge Learning and Utah Online High School. We have 3 students on alternate placement, they are not attending in the building and will not be held to AMES requirements but to the state requirements. If they finish, they will receive an AMES diploma.

Fiscal

1. **January/February 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. Richard also included a report with a 5 year trend on expenditures. The fiscal report will now be included with the agenda for the next meeting starting in May.
Motion to approve the January/February fiscal report: Melanie Brock
2nd: Donald Saxon
Vote: Unanimously approved
2. **CHS Bill** – Brett Wilson reported to the AMES Board that there are approximately 490 classes that AMES students are enrolled in. We have a discrepancy in the

December bill that needs to be straightened out, in November is was reported that we had 468 enrolled and it jumped to 491 in December. We can account for 11 students so Brett will meet with Brian Ipson to discuss the discrepancy.

Board Organization

1. **Date for May Board Meeting** – Because of the AMES Awards Banquet on May 8th, the Board meeting in May will need to be rescheduled. After discussion, the next meeting will be held on May 15, 2019.
2. **Future Board Members** – This item was tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Foundation

AMES Mission

1. **Lottery Results** – The AMES Board was provided with statistics from the AMES lottery. We didn't feel like the mailing did much good, we received several phone calls from people wondering why they received the letter. The letters went to several homes that didn't have 8th grade students. We need to figure out if we need to find another company or why the mailing didn't target the 8th graders that we needed.

Public Comment

Amy Noyce, a teacher at AMES expressed her appreciation with the Board's effort to try to maintain the diversity at AMES. She stated that teachers would help do what they can to help keep the AMES student body diverse.

Motion to move into closed session: Melanie Brock
2nd: Richard Anthony

6:32 p.m. - Meeting adjourned to closed session.

Next Meeting – May 15, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.

Approved 5/20/19