

Board Highlights • November 2017

RECOGNITIONS

The superintendent recognized students and staff members for honors and achievements earned in recent weeks. Congratulations were extended to the following:

- the **Salute to the Stars Gala**, held in October and hosted by the **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF)**, which generated more than **\$200,000** for scholarships and staff development grants;
- all **10 of CFISD's Class 6A varsity high school marching bands**, which were unanimously awarded a **superior rating** by every judge for their UIL marching band contest held on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at CFFCU Stadium. According to CFISD records, this superior scoring sweep has not happened by our varsity marching bands programs since 2006;
- the **first-year Bridgeland High School marching band**, which completed its inaugural year with only ninth- and 10th-grade students as a varsity Class 5A marching band and **earned a sweepstakes rating** at their UIL regional contest in Waller that punched its ticket to the area round where they completed its season as area finalists in Galena Park on Oct. 28;
- **five CFISD music ensembles** that were named winners in **The Foundation for Music Education's 2017 Mark of Excellence awards**. The Foundation for Music Education is an organization dedicated to the support and advancement of music education through scholarships and other worthwhile projects. Jersey Village High School percussion ensemble, Hamilton Middle School symphonic winds and Cypress Ranch High School wind ensemble were awarded as National winners. The Salyards Middle School young men's choir and Arnold Middle School tenor-bass choir were both Commended winners;
- **roughly 50 CFISD athletes** who represented the district with gold, silver and bronze medals as CFISD hosted the **Special Olympics of Texas Area 4 Swim Meet** in October at Cypress Ranch High School. The meet continues a long-standing relationship between CFISD and the Greater Houston Special Olympics that is closing in on 30 years;
- the **four volleyball teams that qualified for the UIL playoffs**. The 17-6A season wrapped up on Oct. 24 with **Langham Creek High School** winning the **district championship** title with a 17-1 record in district play. The Lobos finished one game ahead of Cypress Ranch High School, which finished second with a 16-2 record. Cy-Fair High School finished at 13-5 in district play to claim the third seed, while Cypress

Woods High School placed fourth after posting a 12-6 record through the district slate. All four teams advanced to the area round of the playoffs.

- The **four football teams that qualified for the UIL playoffs**. The 17-6A football season wrapped up on Nov. 11 with **Cy-Fair High School** winning the **district championship** title with a 9-0 record in league play. The Bobcats finished one game ahead of Langham Creek High School, which finished second with an 8-1 record. Cypress Ranch High School finished at 7-2 in district play to claim the third seed, while Cypress Falls High School placed fourth after posting a 5-4 record through the district slate.

BOND UPDATE

The Board approved construction proposals and contracts paid from Bond funds to the recommended contractors and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts including 2017 renovations to Bang, Emmott and Hamilton elementary schools, and 2017 Berry Center renovations.

The Board approved and authorized the Superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contracts related to the 2017 renovations to Bang, Emmott and Hamilton elementary schools.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
 - activity fund software site license and maintenance fee renewal;
 - audio, visual and theatrical equipment and supplies;
 - automotive fuels;
 - demographic services; and
 - music supplies;
- the budget amendments for the period of July 1, 2017 through Sept. 30, 2017;
- the district's 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and accepted the auditors' report on the district's general purpose financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017;
- the auditors' report on the district's fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 required provisions of the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance);
- a resolution casting its ballot for its choice of a nominee to serve on the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District for a term commencing Jan. 1, 2018, and extending through Dec. 31, 2019;
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 1. GE (LOCAL) Relations with Parent Organizations (Revise);
- CareDox, an electronic information management system of Health Services data that is currently recorded in eSchool Plus; and

- the campus and district performances objectives for the 2017-18 campus and district improvement plans.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

Nov. 15 has been designated as **National Education Support Professionals Day**. The district would like to recognize our support staff and say “**thank you**” for the contributions they make to public education through their dedicated service to our students.

Residents were reminded that school will be closed the week of **Nov. 20-24** for the **Thanksgiving holidays**. Some of the support facilities, including the Instructional Support Center, will also be closed. Dr. Henry extended his warmest wishes to all students, employees and their families for a safe and relaxing holiday.