

Board Highlights • April 2018

RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized the following students, staff and community members for their achievements:

- students participating in the Board Shadowing Project; and
- Technology Services staff along with strategic partners Presidio, Education Partners Solution (EPS) and ESC12 E-Rate Consulting for their hard work and support resulting in the district receiving \$5,232,431.54 in E-Rate reimbursement funds. Presidio has been responsible for the network electronic refresh as part of the 2014 Bond Technology Infrastructure Upgrade. EPS helped identify E-Rate funding reimbursement opportunities and in the overall technology architecture design. ESC12 E-Rate Consulting filed all E-Rate paperwork and responded to questions from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

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

- more than **6,000** CFISD staff, students, community members and business partners, who gathered at the **Berry Center** for the **Fifth Annual Superintendent's Fun Run and Festival**, a fundraiser that culminated with CFISD and Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital representatives presenting a check worth a record **\$100,000** to the **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation**. The event featured a 5K and a 1-mile run that took place around the Berry Center and Lone Star College–CyFair. Vendor booths, food trucks, bounce houses and student performances made the day even more special for the whole family;
- **Cypress Park High School** students, who won the **Second Annual Book Battle** against their fellow CFISD high school participants on March 26. Each of the district's high schools had the opportunity to put together a team of 4-8 students to attend and compete in the CFISD book battle. The students had seven months to read and study 10 books chosen by the high school librarians, who learned of the idea from the Texas Librarian's Association;
- the **five CFISD Destination Imagination teams** who earned **top-four** finishes at the **Affiliate State Tournament** in Mansfield. That includes a **first-place victory** from a team of **Cypress Woods High School** freshmen students. Destination Imagination promotes team-building for students in kindergarten through 12th grade who form

teams to solve a challenge that incorporates imagination, creativity, collaboration and fun;

- **Cypress Woods High School**, which repeated in **winning the overall championship** at the **UIL District 17-6A Academic Meet**, held in March at Langham Creek High School. The Wildcats tallied 590 total points to claim the sweepstakes title, finishing ahead of runner-up **Cypress Ranch High School** and third-place **Cypress Creek High School**;
- **Seven CFISD athletes**, who represented the district with **gold and silver medals** as CFISD hosted the **Special Olympics of Texas – Greater Houston Area Basketball Skills Competition**, held in March at **Aragon Middle School**. The competition continues a relationship of 30-plus years between CFISD and Greater Houston Special Olympics. More than 100 athletes from across the Houston area competed in the skills competition, which included stations for dribbling, passing and shooting. Participants had their scores totaled and medals were awarded by point levels;
- CFISD’s **Camp Summit**, a primary literacy program for kindergarten through second-grade students needing additional reading support, which won a **2018 Magna Award**. This prestigious award is sponsored by the **National School Boards Association’s magazine, *American School Board Journal***. Now in their 24th edition, the Magna Awards recognized school districts and their leaders this year for efforts to bring educational equity and help break down barriers for underserved students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD was among five school districts with more than 120,000 students across the nation to earn a first-place award;
- the **Cypress Ranch High School** boys’ and **Cypress Woods High School** girls’ soccer teams, who won their **Region III-6A area-round playoff** matches and advanced to the regional quarterfinals where they battled to the end but were both eliminated; and
- the **Cy-Fair High School** boys’ and girls’ **golf teams**, who swept the **District 17-6A team championships** at Cypress Lakes Golf Club. The boys won their title on April 3 and the girls captured their crown on April 6. Both teams qualified for the **Region III-6A golf tournament**, set for April 24-25 (girls) and April 26-27 (boys) at Eagle Pointe Golf Club in Mont Belvieu.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Sheri McCaig, principal at Goodson Middle School, was named the assistant superintendent for secondary school administration where she will share the role with Travis Fanning. McCaig replaces Dr. Scott Sheppard, who was named the superintendent of schools for Huntsville ISD in December.

Rich Dixon II, associate principal at Cypress Ridge High School, was named the new principal at **Goodson Middle School**. Dixon replaces Sheri McCaig, who was named the assistant superintendent for secondary school administration in March.

BOND UPDATE

The Board approved construction proposals and contracts paid from Bond Funds to the recommended contractors and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:

- 2018 Early Learning Centers 1 and 2 renovations.

REPORTS

- the administration provided an oral report on instructional technology.

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;
 - carpet replacement for Bang Elementary;
 - college readiness and career interest tests;
 - copier fleet lease;
 - customer support call center;
 - data domain upgrade;
 - graphing calculator purchases for high school and middle school;
 - instructional materials – textbooks, e-books, workbooks and teacher materials;
 - mass communication notification system;
 - metal detection equipment for nutrition services;
 - musical instruments;
 - online childcare registration and management software;
 - police department vehicles;
 - replacement furniture and equipment;
 - school buses; and
 - swimming pool chemicals, supplies, parts and repair;
- a Municipal Advisor Engagement Letter between Cypress-Fairbanks ISD and Post Oak Municipal Advisors, LLP, in connection with the issuance of obligations of indebtedness and in accordance with the terms of the engagement letter;
- the instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for 2018-2019;
- on first reading additions, revision or deletions to district policies:
 - BBB (LOCAL) Board Members: Elections (Revise); and
 - FFF (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Student Safety (Add);
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues: Investments (Revise);
 - DF (LOCAL) Termination of Employment (Add);
 - DH (LOCAL) Employee Standards of Conduct (Revise);
 - EED (LOCAL) Instructional Arrangements: Student Schedules (Revise);
 - EHBAF (LOCAL) Special Education: Video/Audio Monitoring (Revise);
 - EJ (LOCAL) Academic Guidance Program (Delete); and
 - FFAA (LOCAL) Wellness and Health Services: Physical Examinations (Revise);
- the execution of the plat for Moore Elementary School; and
- the April 16, 2018 superintendent's contract recommendations to issue probationary, term and annual contracts for the 2018-2019 school year for administrators, non-teaching professionals, paraprofessionals and teachers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

Pre-registration for 2018-2019 kindergarten classes will be held at all elementary schools on **April 18, 2018** from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Visit the **campus websites or contact the schools** for further information.

Throughout the year, the Board of Trustees, parents and community business partners provide valuable **volunteer services** to the district's students, teachers and support staff. Dr. Henry recognized and expressed thanks to all volunteers. **April 15-21** is **National Volunteer Week**. The community support for the district's students and teachers is impressive and greatly appreciated.

The **CFISD human resources department** has invited **prospective employees** who are interested in becoming part of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD to attend the **districtwide Career Fair** on **April 26** at the **Berry Center**. The event will feature administrators from district campuses and departments who will interact with prospective teachers and employees interested in joining CFISD.

The annual **retirement banquet**, which is generously sponsored by the **Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union**, is scheduled for **April 30** at **6 p.m.** at the **Berry Center**. Honorees include district employees who are **retiring during this school year**. This event always provides an evening of entertainment, fun and delicious food as we honor these valued employees.

May 9 is **National School Nurses Day**, and Dr. Henry extended his appreciation to this group of professionals who provide dedicated and caring medical support to CFISD and the students.

On **May 7 at 6 p.m.**, the district will recognize the "**Teachers of the Year**," who were selected because of their high expectations for student success during the **2017-2018** school year. CFISD will also be recognizing the **paraprofessionals of the year** and the **support staff members of the year** for their outstanding service to the staff and students. The event will take place at the **Berry Center**.

May 7-11 is **Teacher Appreciation Week** and **May 8** is **National Teacher Day**. Dr. Henry personally extended his appreciation to CFISD educators and acknowledged the crucial role the district's teachers play in making sure every student receives a quality education.

CFISD will participate in "**Take Our Children to Work Day**" on June 4. Although the national event is scheduled in April, students will **not** be excused from classes on April 26. CFISD feels **June 4 is a better option** so students can maximize their instructional days and utilize a summer day to accompany their parent to work.

CFISD has scheduled **annual athletic physical examinations** for the **2018-2019 school year** at every **district high school** for incoming **high school students**. Athletic physicals for **current sixth- and seventh-grade students** will be done at **Cypress Ranch, Cypress Ridge and Cypress Woods** high schools. Physical forms must be completed in advance and turned in along with payment at the respective high schools. Updated physical forms, along with other pertinent 2018-2019 athletic information, are available on the **athletics page of the district website**.