

Board Highlights • August 2015

RECOGNITIONS

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

- The **CFISD Board of Trustees**, for being recognized as the **Region 4 representative for the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) annual School Board Awards Program**, which recognizes outstanding Texas school boards for their commitment to students and communities. The CFISD board is one of 20 honorees in Texas. **TASA** will name the state's **Outstanding Board** in September;
- **Marie Leonard**, editor of *Community Impact Newspaper – Cy-Fair*; **Kirsten Cornell**, lead associate of *Cy-Fair Magazine*; and **Greg Groogan**, Fox 26 special projects reporter, for being named to **2015 Media Honor Roll**, a program sponsored by the **Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)**;
- ten **CFISD** volleyball players, who were named to the **Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association (GHVCA)** preseason **FAB 50**. Players are from **Cy-Fair, Cypress Falls, Cypress Lakes, Cypress Ranch, Cypress Ridge, Cypress Woods** and **Jersey Village** high schools;
- **Cypress Ranch High School**, for placing fifth in the **UIL Class 6A Lone Star Cup** standings. This competition tallied team performance in district and state championships. **Cypress Ranch** had district championships in team tennis, volleyball, boys' and girls' swimming, boy's tennis, softball and baseball. The football and baseball teams clinched regional championships while the volleyball and softball teams were regional finalists. The baseball team won the state championship and the football team was a state finalist; and
- **Cypress Ranch** football player **Collin Rock** and **Cypress Falls** football player **Trey Baldwin** were among 33 student athletes to be named to represent **CFISD** on the **2015 All-Greater Houston Pre-Season High School Football Team** by the Touchdown Club of Houston.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Chad Perry, an educational specialist with the Region 4 Education Service Center, was named the new director of the Adaptive Behavior Center.

Stacie Everson, an assistant principal at Moore Elementary School, was named the new principal for Birkes Elementary School.

Susan Epperson, an assistant principal at Lieder Elementary School, was named the new principal at Lee Elementary School.

April Wright, an assistant principal at Warner Elementary School, was named the principal at Lowery Elementary School.

Dr. Laura Perry, the principal at Thornton Middle School, was named the new principal at Campbell Middle School.

Reginal Mitchell, the associate principal at Cypress Falls High School, was named the new principal at Thornton Middle School.

TEA ACCOUNTABILITY

The administration reported on the 2015 STAAR 3-8, End-of-Course, State Accountability Ratings and Community and Student Engagement Ratings.

CFISD and all of its eligible campuses earned a rating of *Met Standard* in the Texas Education Agency (TEA) 2015 State Accountability Ratings, the highest of the two ratings under the accountability system.

CFISD *Met Standard* on all four applicable index targets used to measure performance index. The district scored 84 in Index 1, Student Achievement; 39 in Index 2, Student Progress; 46 in Index 3, Closing Performance Gaps; and 78 in Index 4, Postsecondary Readiness. All 82 of CFISD's eligible campuses achieved a *Met Standard* rating or *Met Alternative Standard* (Windfern High School Only).

BOND UPDATE

The Board approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$746,250.00 to increase the Owner's Contingency Allowance for the 2015 CFISD Technology Room Infrastructure upgrades as requested by CFISD Technology and authorized the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete this additional work.

The Board approved construction proposals and contracts paid from 2007 Bond Funds to the recommended contractor and authorized the superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:

- High School No. 12 and Elementary School No. 55.

The Board authorized the superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contracts related to the following projects:

- High School No. 12 – HVAC Testing & Balance Services, Material Testing Services and Roff Inspection Services; and
- Elementary School No. 55 – HVAC Testing & Balance Services, Material Testing Services

and Material Testing Services.

HIGH SCHOOL NO. 11

The Board approved the administration's recommendation to name High School No. 11 **Cypress Park High School** during the regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 10.

Like other CFISD high schools that are named after geographic landmarks throughout the district, Cypress Park High School was named in recognition of the nearby Texas State Highway 99, also known as the Grand Parkway.

Cypress Park High School is under construction at FM 529 and Westgreen Blvd. with a scheduled opening date of August 2016. Designed by PBK Architects, the 592,000-square-foot facility is being built by Satterfield & Pontikes.

BOARD ELECTION ORDER

The Board approved an Election Order calling for an election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, for Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Trustees, positions No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

Summer school has concluded and the district served more than **12,000** students in a variety of programs at the elementary and secondary levels. Approximately **195 students** have met graduation requirements and commencement exercises will be held at the Berry Center on **Aug. 19**.

The Instructional Technology Department hosted its second annual **Digital Learning Conference** on July 28-29 at Cypress Woods High School. This year's theme was **Inspiring Connections** and approximately **600** teachers were in attendance over the course of the two days. The conference provided teachers and administrators with new instructional strategies and tools to embed technology into their classrooms to promote student-centered environments. Featured speakers, along with CFISD teachers who make learning in their classroom rigorous, relevant and engaging through the use of technology, presented at the event. This year, Ron Clark, world-renowned educator and speaker, provided the keynote address. Dr. Henry thanked CFISD business partners for sponsoring the conference and providing engaging sessions and awesome door prizes.

The third annual **CFISD Community Expo** was held Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Berry Center, offering parents a series of helpful back-to school services in one convenient location. An effort of the student services department, the **Community Expo** is open to all incoming CFISD students and families, and will include services such as online registration for new students, immunizations, employment opportunities, free/reduced lunch and CHIP applications, vision screenings, athletic physicals and community programs registration.

The new school year begins Monday, Aug. 24. Many people have worked very hard to prepare the facilities for the approximately **115,300** students at CFISD's **87** campuses. One new campus, Woodard Elementary School, opens this year.

The **CFISD Bus Buddies program** provides assistance to elementary students in exiting their bus at the correct bus stop during the first three days of school. Bus Buddies is a valuable partnership between district volunteers, schools, the transportation department and the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce. Interested volunteers can sign up to be a **Bus Buddy** by calling 281-894-3950 or visiting the district's website, www.cfisd.net.

Monday, Sept. 7 will be a student and staff holiday in observance of **Labor Day**, and all district facilities will be closed. In the event of an emergency, please contact the security office at 281-897-4337.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- Awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
 - Assorted Beverages and Food;
 - Concessions and Catering Beverages for Berry Center and Pridgeon Stadium;
 - Document Cameras;
 - Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance;
 - Paint and Miscellaneous Supplies; and
 - Review 360 Maintenance and Support Renewal;
- approved on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - CKE (LOCAL) Safety Program/Risk Management: Security Personnel – Revise;
 - DGBA (LOCAL) Personnel-Management Relations: Employee Complaints/Grievances – Revise;
 - FFA (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Wellness and Health Services – Revise;
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- a resolution to join and participate in the PACE Purchasing Cooperative and authorized the superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to the PACE Purchasing Cooperative;
- a resolution to terminate the Non-TRS Pension Plan as of December 31, 2015;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - CCA (LOCAL) Local Revenue Sources: Bond Issues (Revise)
 - FNC (LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Conduct (Delete)
 - FNCC (LOCAL) Student Conduct: Prohibited Organizations and Hazing (Delete)
 - FO (LOCAL) Student Discipline (Revise)
 - GKG (LOCAL) Community Relations: School Volunteer Program (Revise);
- On dual reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - BBB (LOCAL) Board Members: Elections (Revise)
 - FNG (LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances (Revise)
 - GF (LOCAL) Public Complaints (Revise);
- the 2015-2016 Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Student Code of Conduct;
- the Memorandum of Understanding between Harris County Juvenile Board and Cypress-Fairbanks ISD to participate in the JJAEP for the 2015-2016 school year;
- the endorsement of candidacy for Benny May, Barbers Hill ISD, on the TASB Board of

Directors for Position 4-C;

- the recommended bid for the sale or exchange fo 7.2459 acres of surplus tract of land located on Windfern Road adjacent to the Maintenance Center and authorized the superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms of the contract and excute all related closing documents; and
- a shared parking/cost agreement between Cypress-Fairbanks and Houston's First Baptist Church for parking facilities for High School No. 12 located on the 127.8 acre multi-campus site and adjacent proposed new church facility in the Bridgeland and authorized the Superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms of the agreement and execute all necessary documents.